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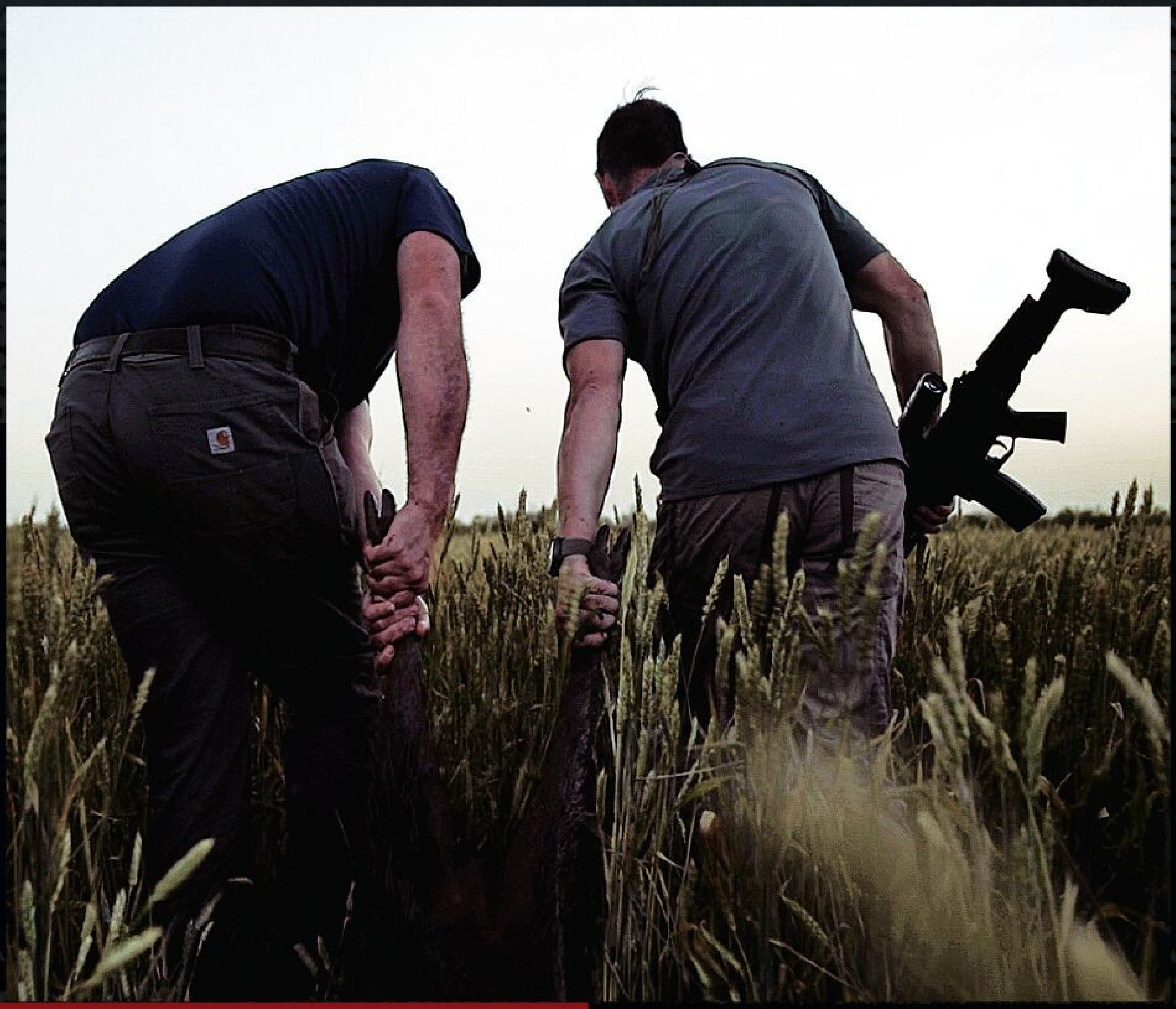

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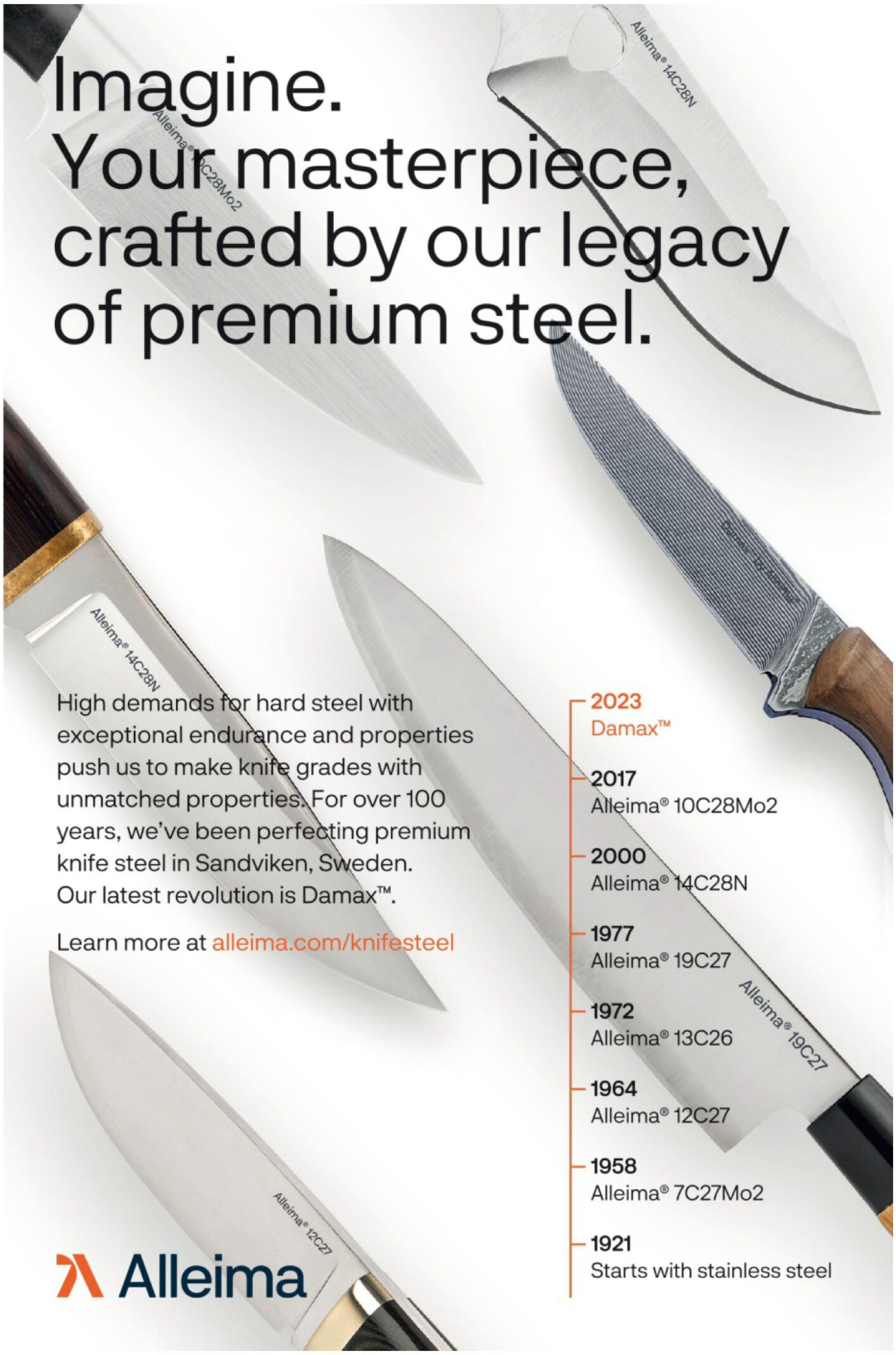

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Rick Hinderer Knives offers two of its latest iterations of what industry observers say will continue to be a hot knife style for the foreseeable future—the automatic—in the **XM-18 3.5 Bowie Auto** and **XM-18 3.5 Spearpoint Auto**.

The knives come in different handle colors and inlays and are basically the same design with the same dependable out-the-side automatic opening mechanism, but each offers its own different blade pattern and material.

The 3.5 Bowie has a clip-point bowie blade of CPM S45VN stainless steel, while the 3.5 Spearpoint sports a spear-point blade of CPM 20CV stainless. In addition to each knife being a style to continue to watch in 2025 (see page 36), the steels bear serious eyeballing in the coming year as well as each makes the list of steels that will thrive in 2025 (see page 74).

Each knife features traction ridges on the base of the blade spine and handles with single, traction-ridged finger grooves, ridges on the bottom of the handle toward the butt, an integral guard and a hole for a lanyard. Each also has Hinderer's patent-pending titanium half liners reinforcing the aluminum handles.

The inset image of damascus being forged is courtesy of **Baker Knife & Tool**. For more on Baker and other forgers of damascus steels that promise to be hot in 2025, see page 82.

For more information on the cover knives, contact Rick Hinderer Knives via the information provided under Hinderer Knives in the Names and Addresses section of the Industry Directory beginning on page 50.

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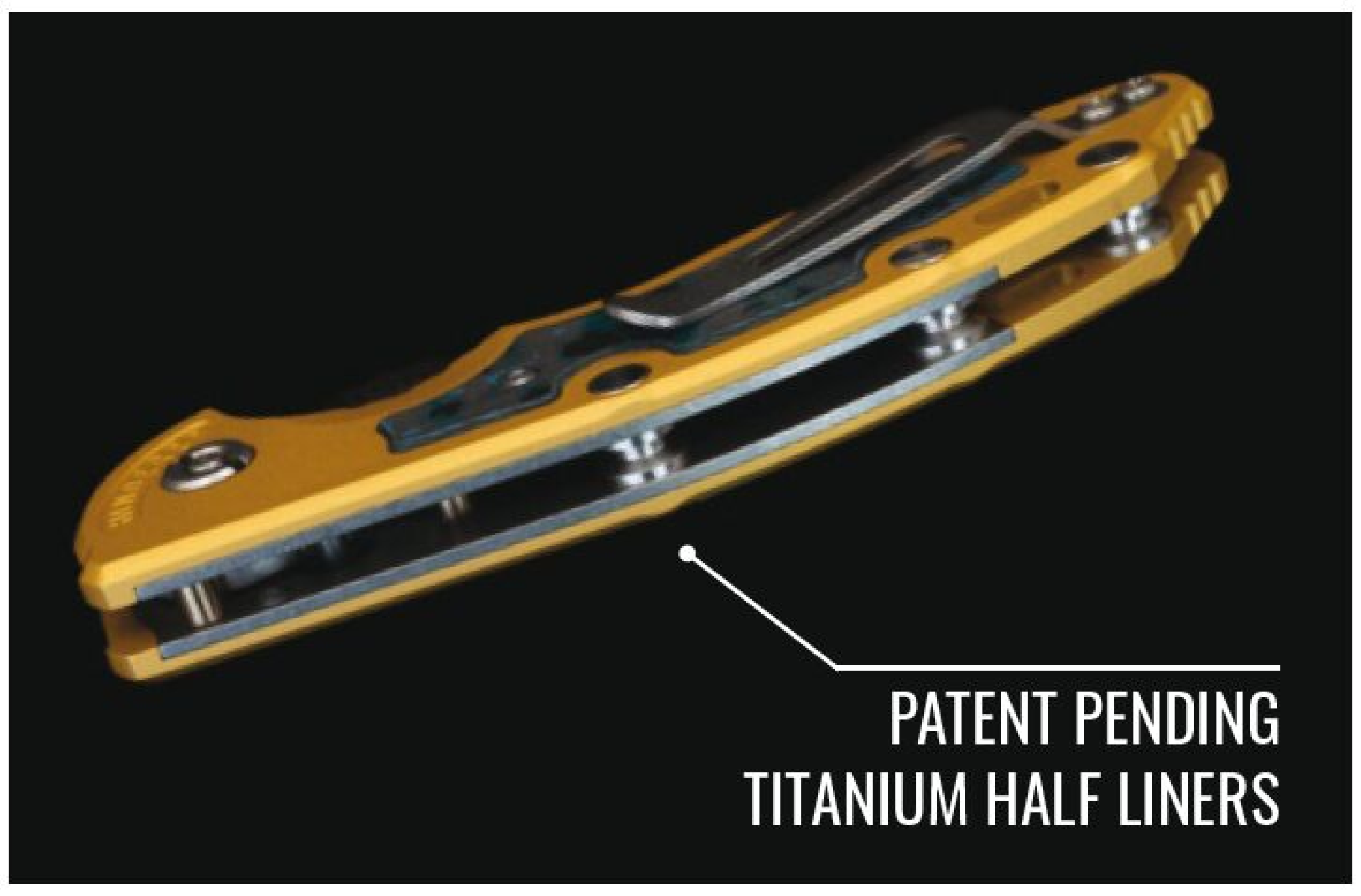

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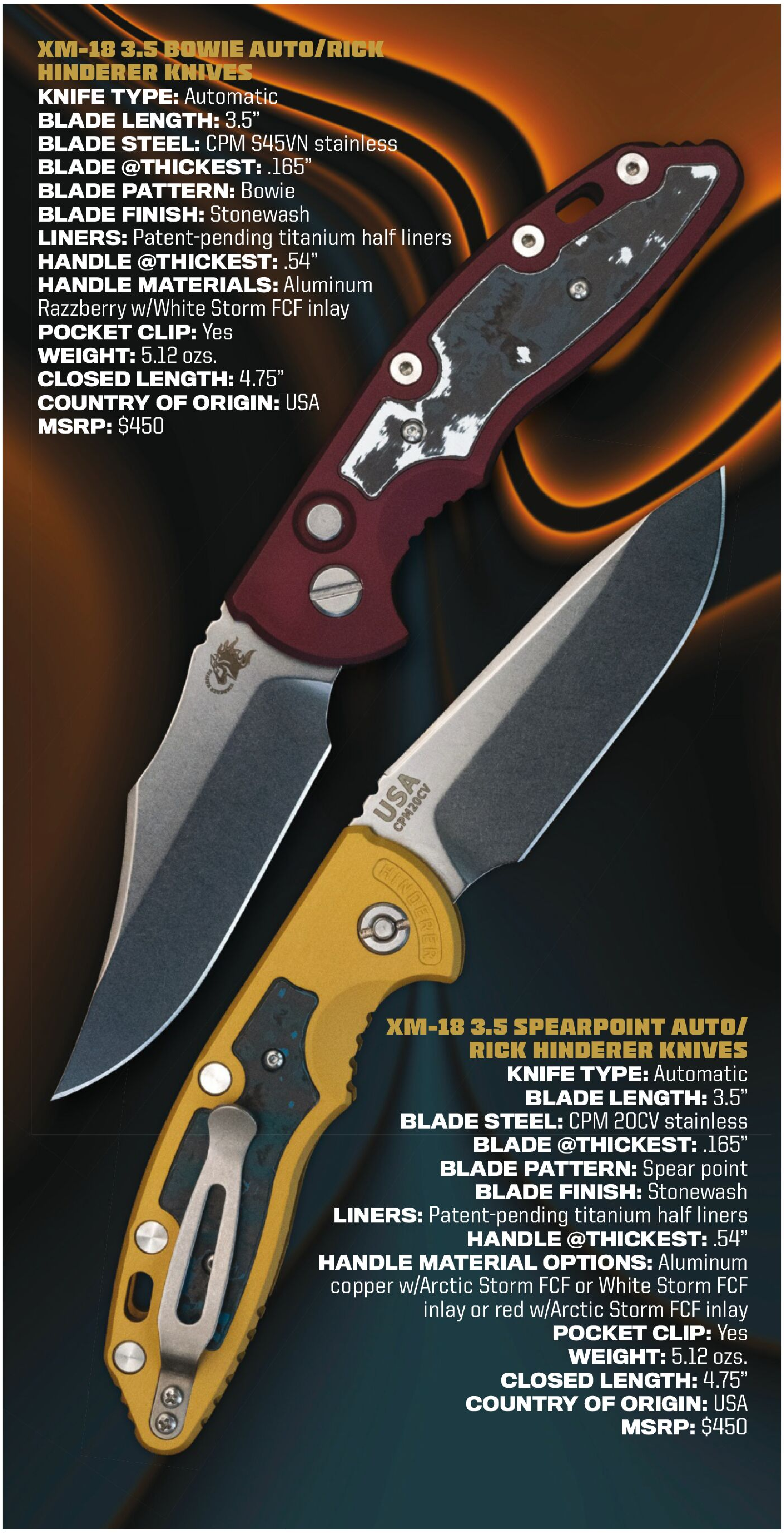

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BLADE @THICKEST: .165"
BLADE PATTERN: Bowie
BLADE FINISH: Stonewash
LINERS: Patent-pending titanium half liners
HANDLE @THICKEST: .54"
HANDLE MATERIALS: Aluminum Razzberry w/White Storm FCF inlay
POCKET CLIP: Yes
WEIGHT: 5.12 ozs.
CLOSED LENGTH: 4.75"
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: USA
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XM-18 3.5 SPEARPOINT AUTO/RICK HINDERER KNIVES
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BLADE FINISH: Stonewash
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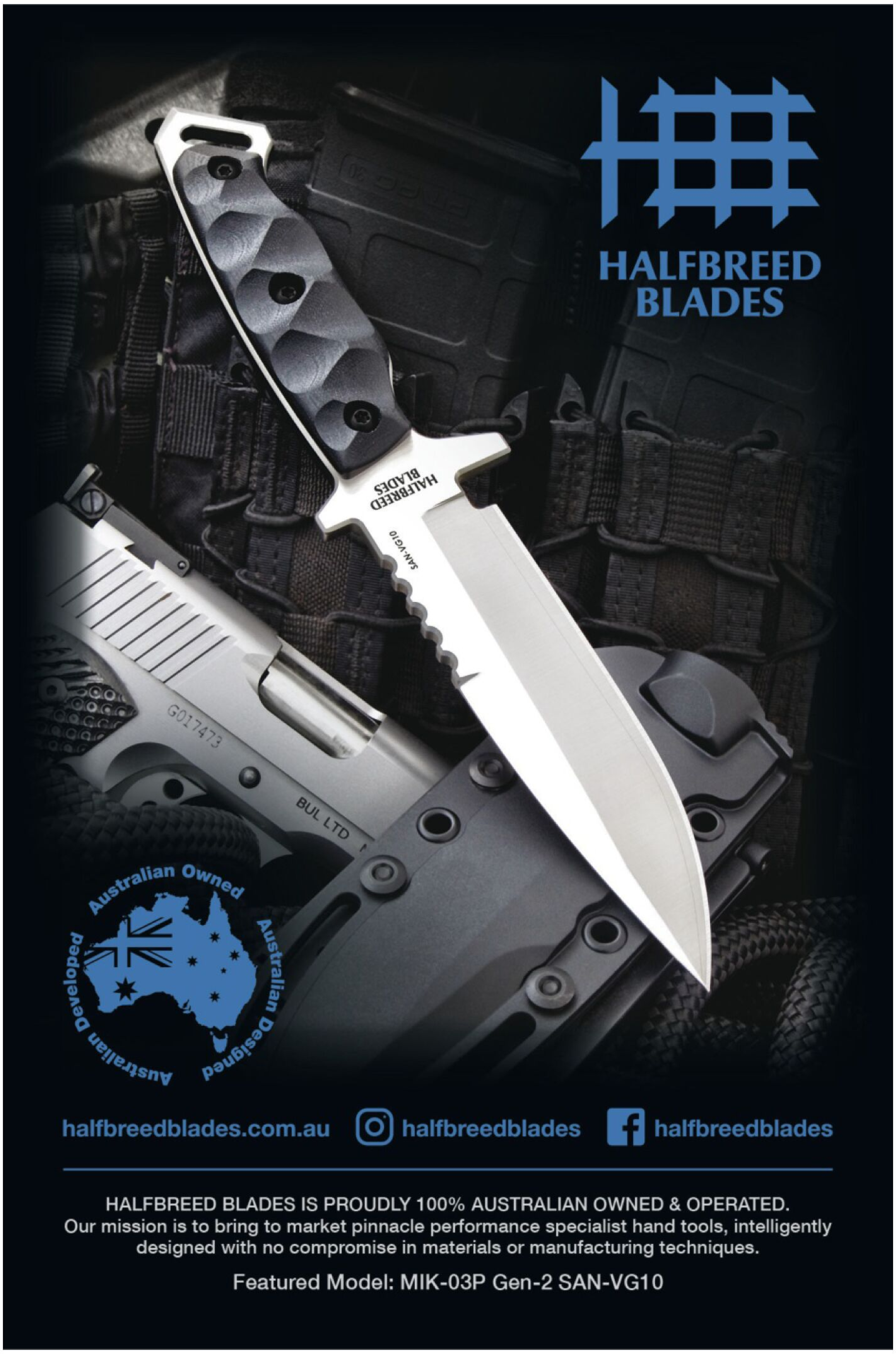
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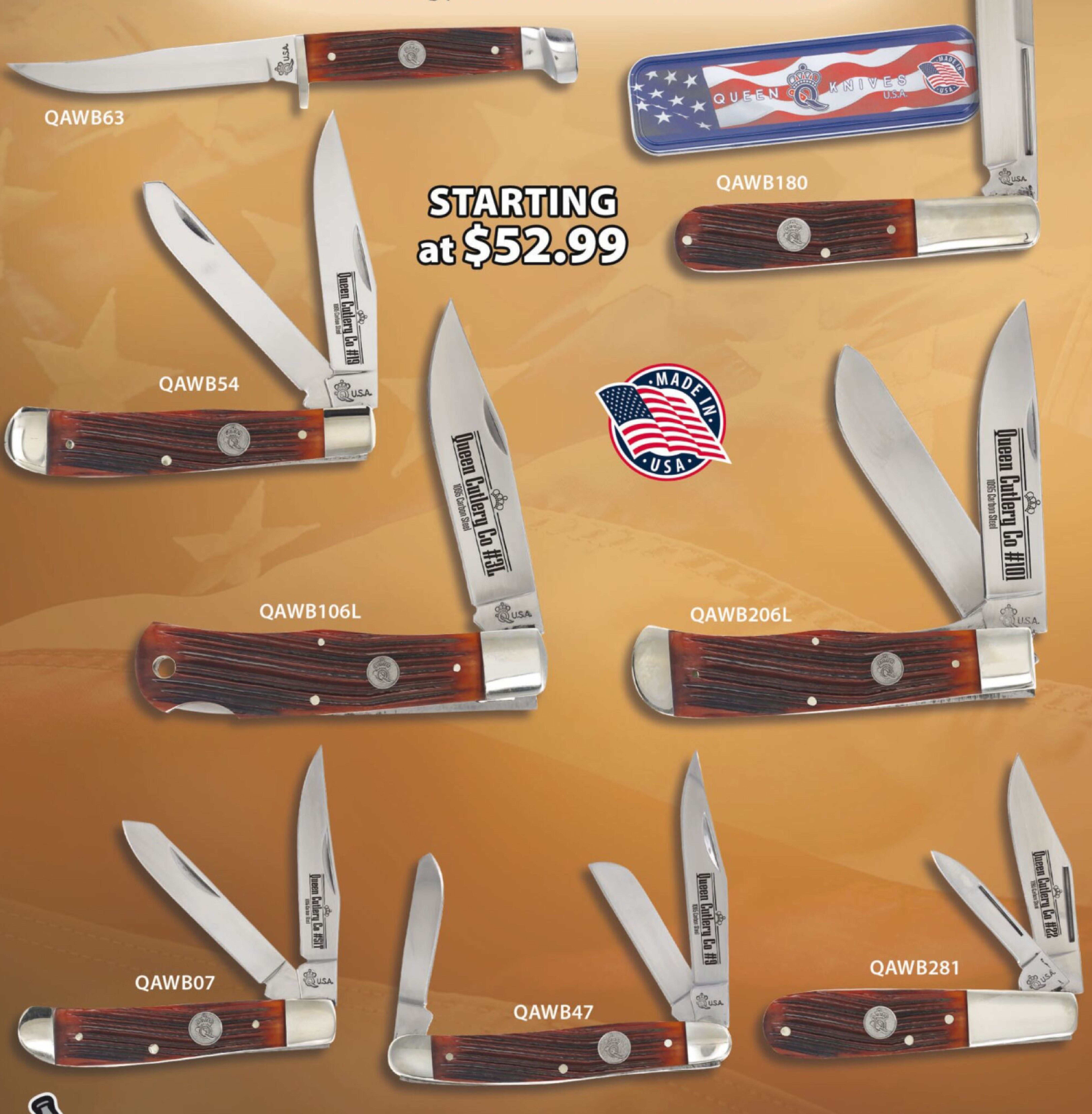
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Predicting what will be in demand in any endeavor can be chancy at best, but we at *BLADE®* are lucky in that we have a wide selection of sources who specialize in what is already a specialty field—knives—to give you the straight skinny on what's to come in sharp industry trends.

Take factory knives, for example. BLADE field editor Dexter Ewing contacted four leading retailers from four different areas of the USA—the Northwest, Southwest, east Texas and the East/Southeast—to weigh in on what will be hot in the factory knife industry in 2025. Dexter and Co. deliver.

As you might guess, knife enthusiasts from disparate sections of the land will likely be into different knife styles—and you would be right. There are similarities in the American knife user's edged tastes, but there are also some significant departures. Check out those variations by region in the story on page 36.

BLADE field editor Mike Haskew also tapped leading authorities—top custom knife purveyors—to pinpoint which knifemakers and knife styles will be the ones to watch in the coming year. As for the styles they're nothing shocking, but, if you need help, Mike's list should aid you in which ones to consider. Meanwhile, some of the makers you will recognize and some you may not, though all seem to offer quality knives. Custom knife purveyor Daniel O'Malley of BladeGallery.com put it in a nutshell.

Flat-bar fire hammering at Vegas Forge. (Vegas Force image)

"Many factors can contribute to a maker or knife style becoming hot," he reasoned. "Sometimes simply a brand-new model that is well received can take an almost unknown knifemaker to the height of popularity. We keep an eye out for the knifemakers that are not yet known but are doing way above average work. These makers that have not yet been discovered have a higher likelihood of becoming suddenly more popular as their work becomes better known." Read Haskew's story on page 12 for more.

Reuben Bolieu also consulted custom knife purveyors in his story on which classic custom knives will be hot in 2025. While a number are made by deceased makers—as you might expect for many classics of most any genre—several are made by cutlers who thankfully are still alive and kickin'. Check out the resulting knives on page 42.

Finally, what's a forecast of industry trends without stories on the blade steels that address perhaps the most important part of the cutting equation? Pat Covert conferred with leading steel gurus for their input in the story on page 74, while on page 82 knifemaker Jason Fry polled four production damascus forging companies on which patterns, steel/material combinations and other stainless and carbon varieties of the steel will rule the year.

Twenty-twenty-five beckons and so does the wide world of knives. Let BLADE help prepare you for what promises to be a year for the edges.

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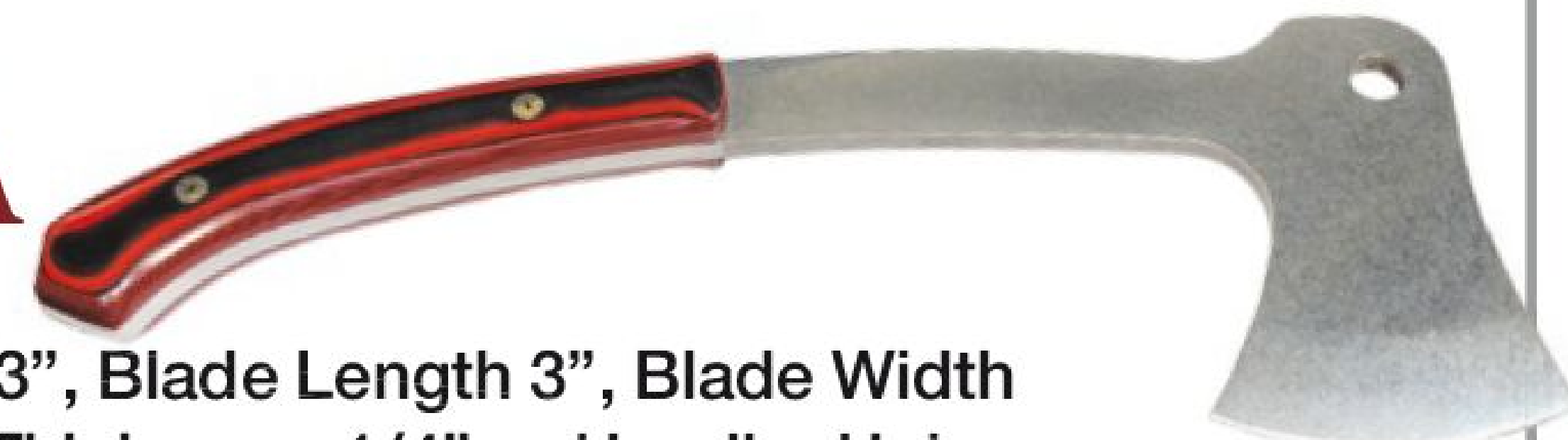

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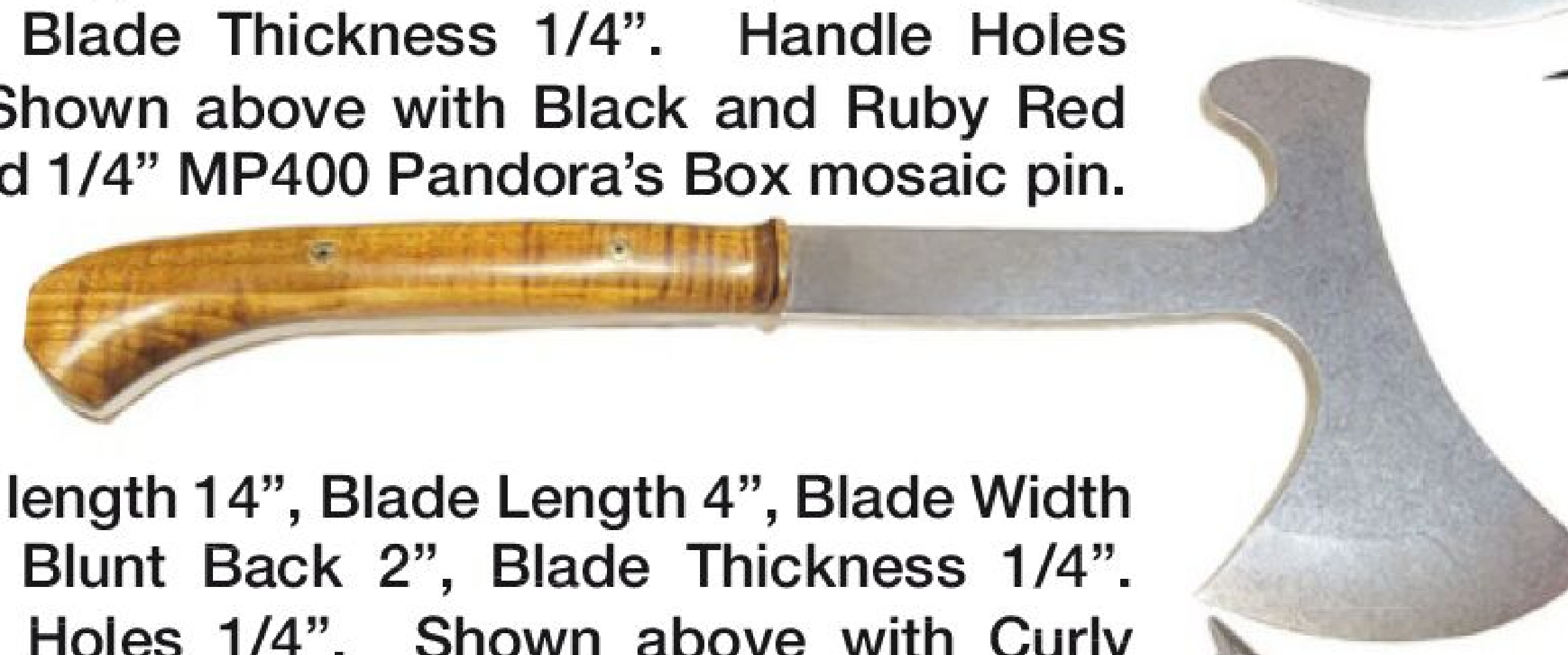

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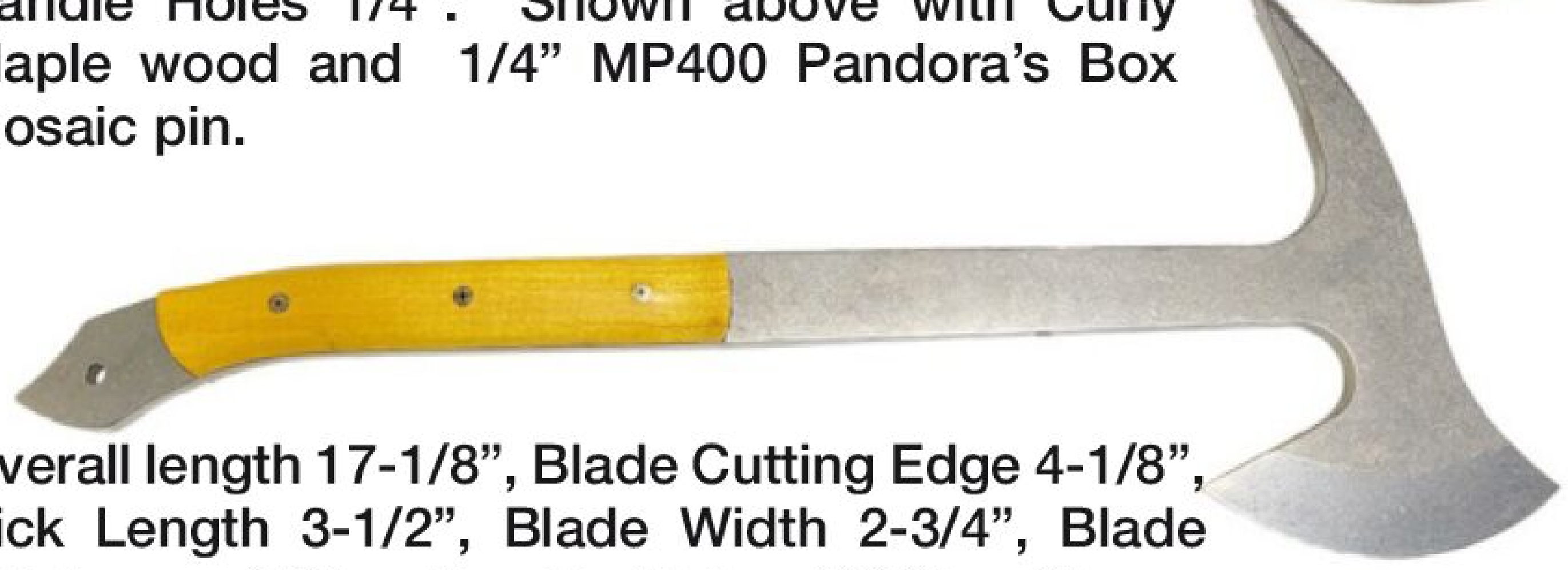

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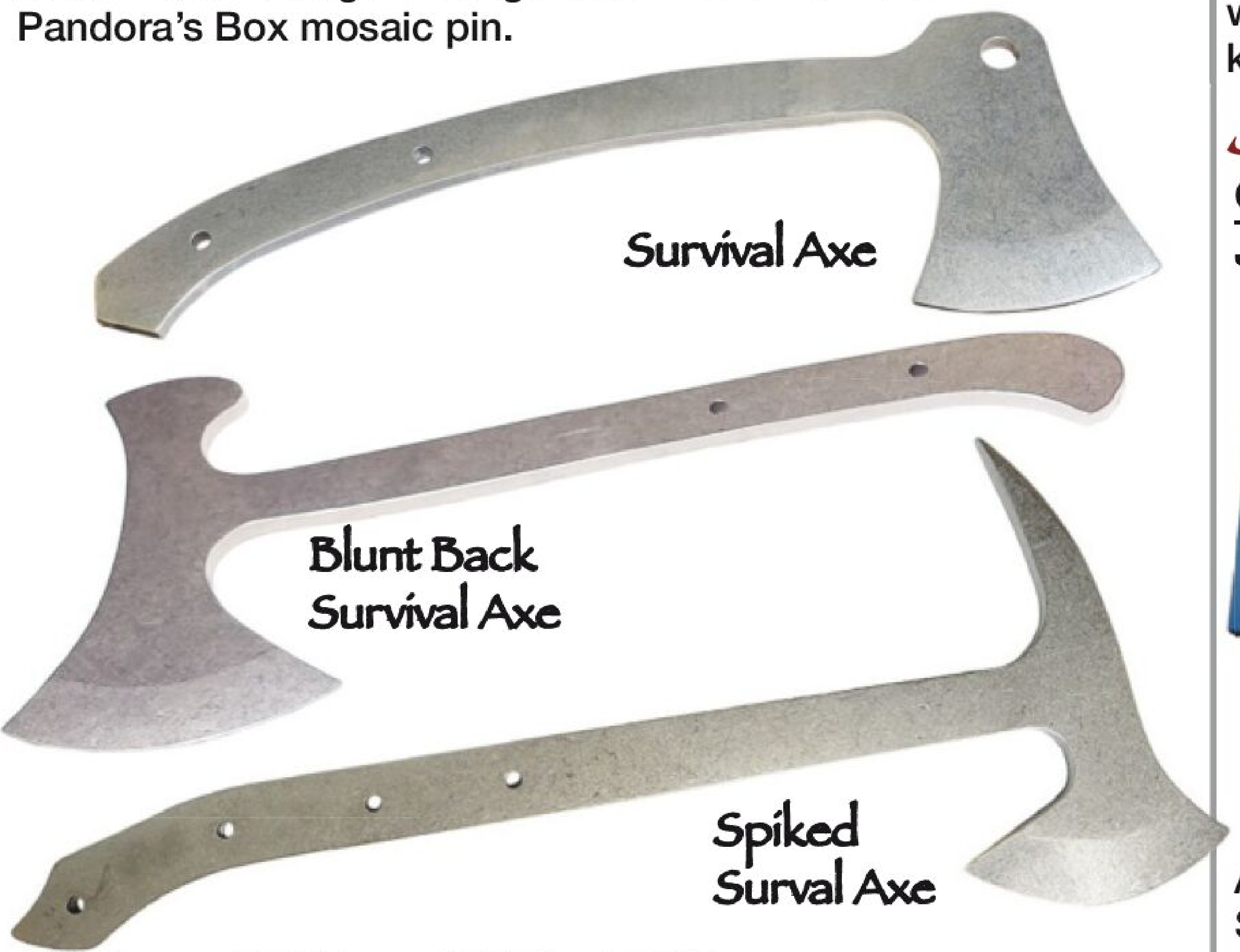

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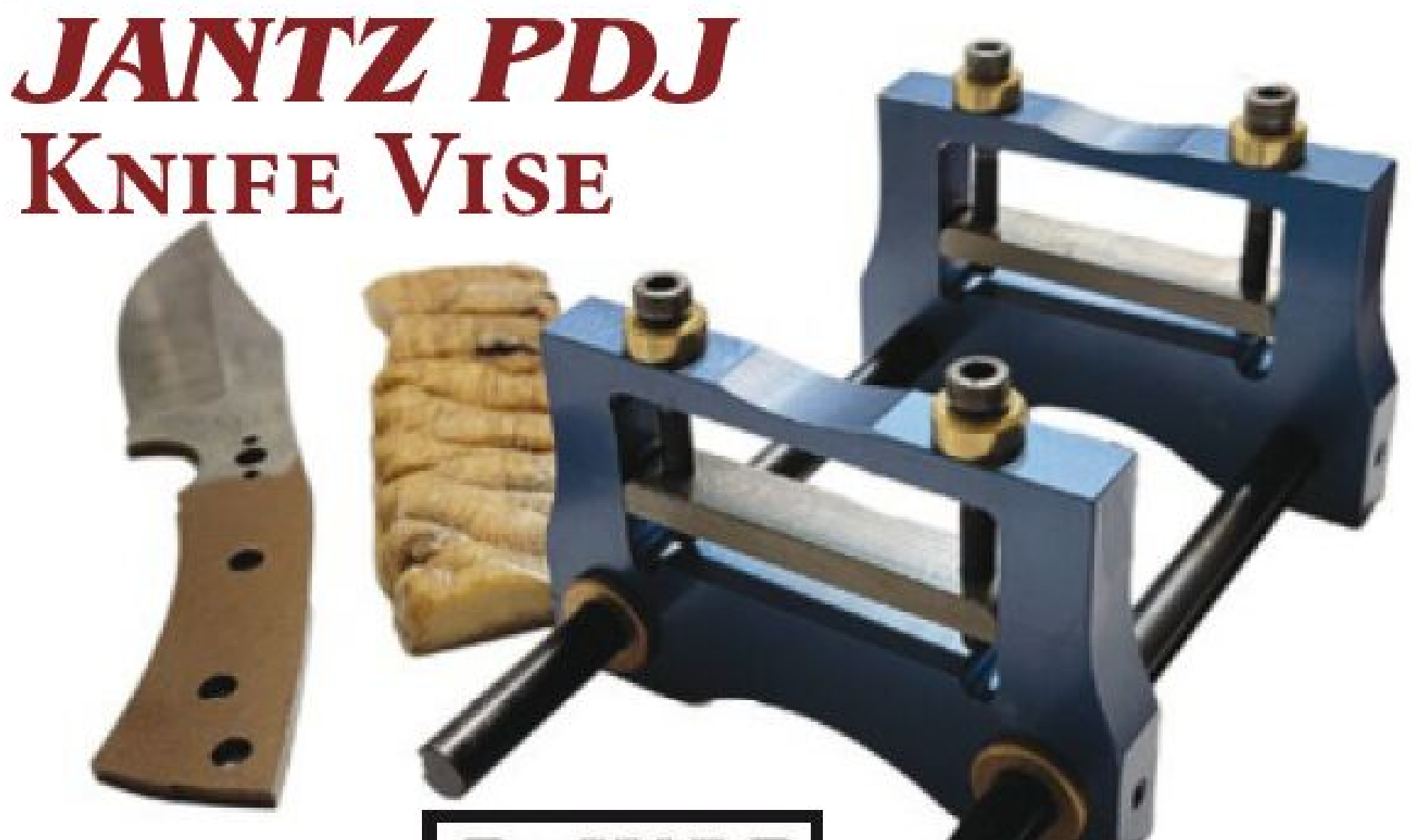

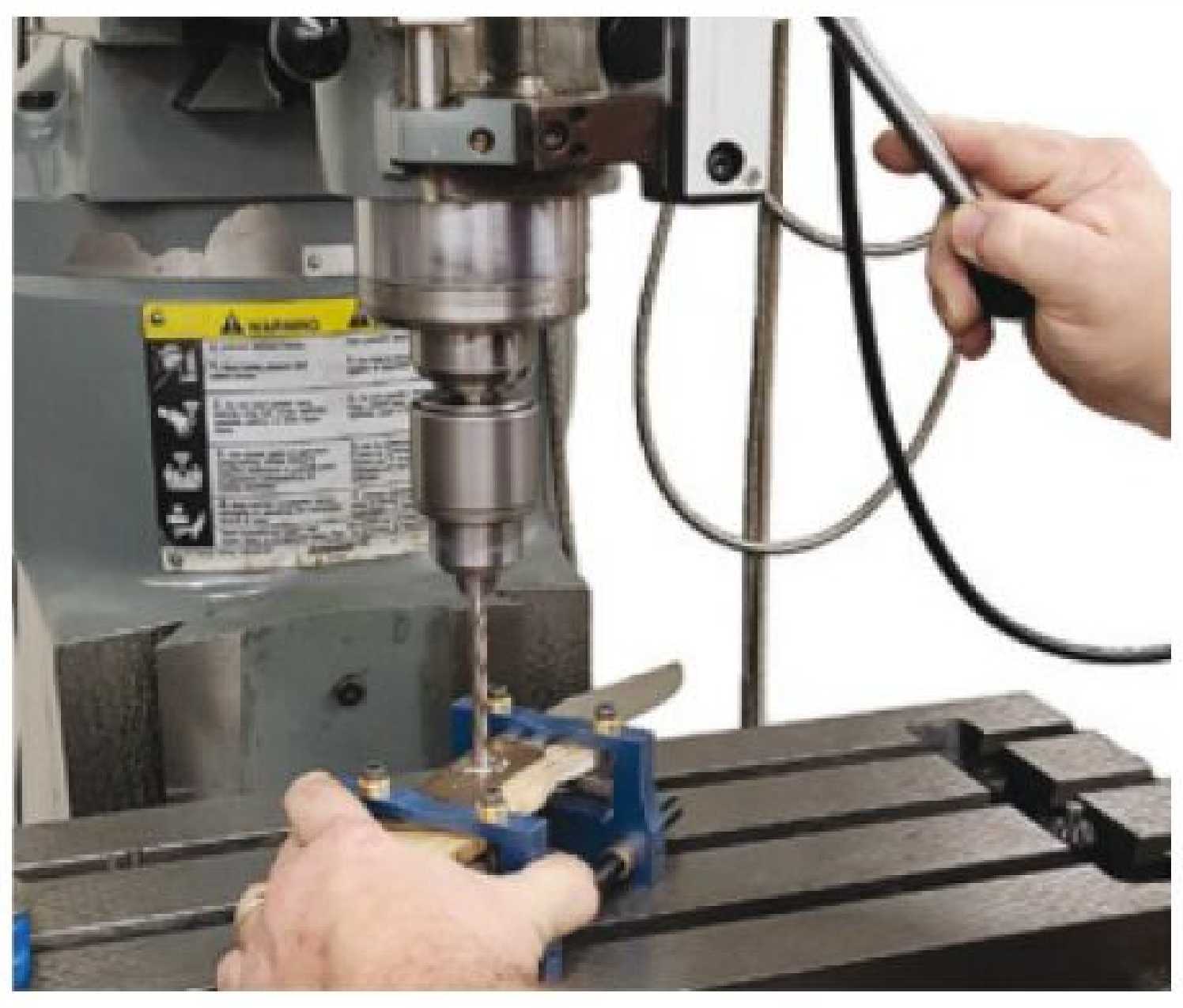

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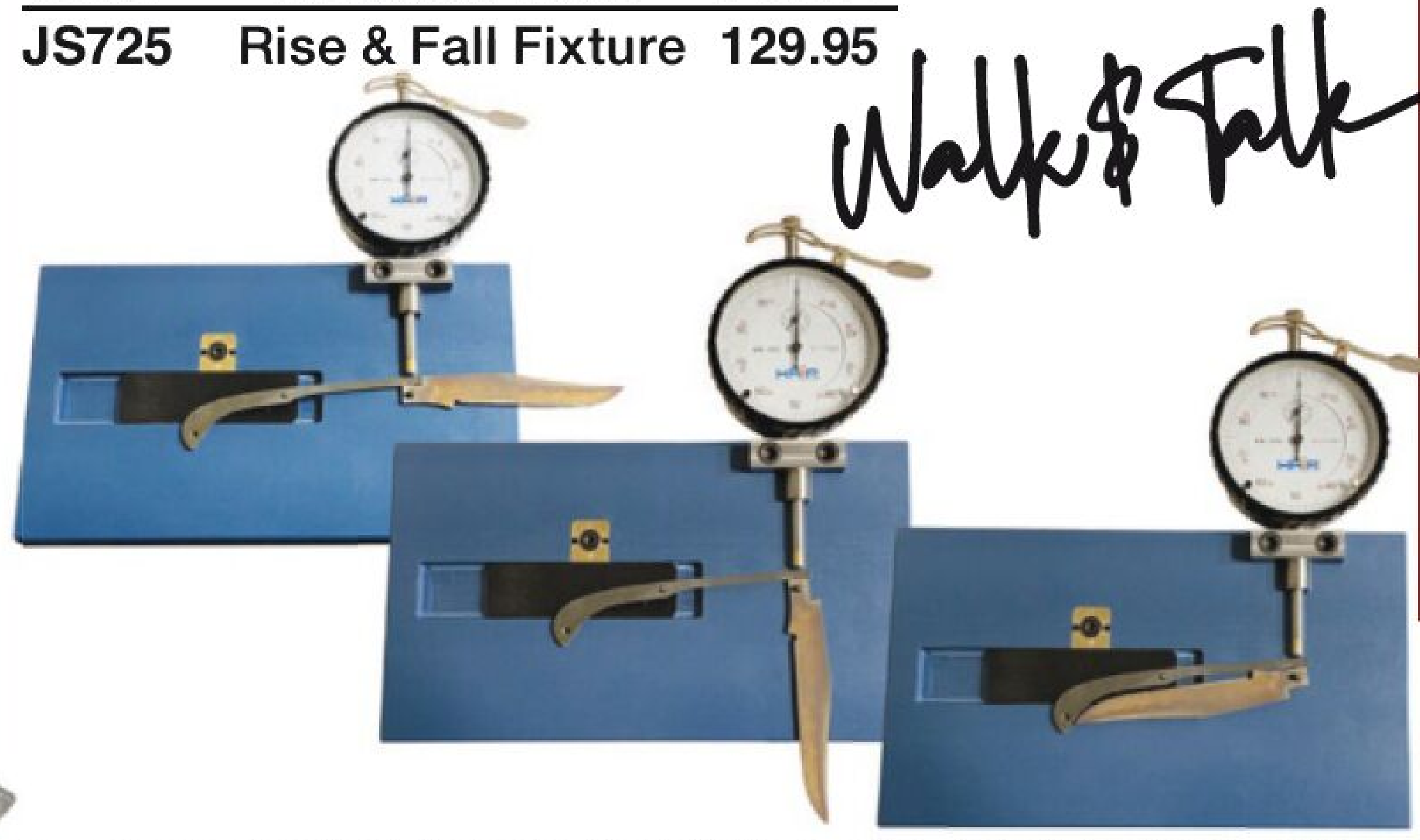

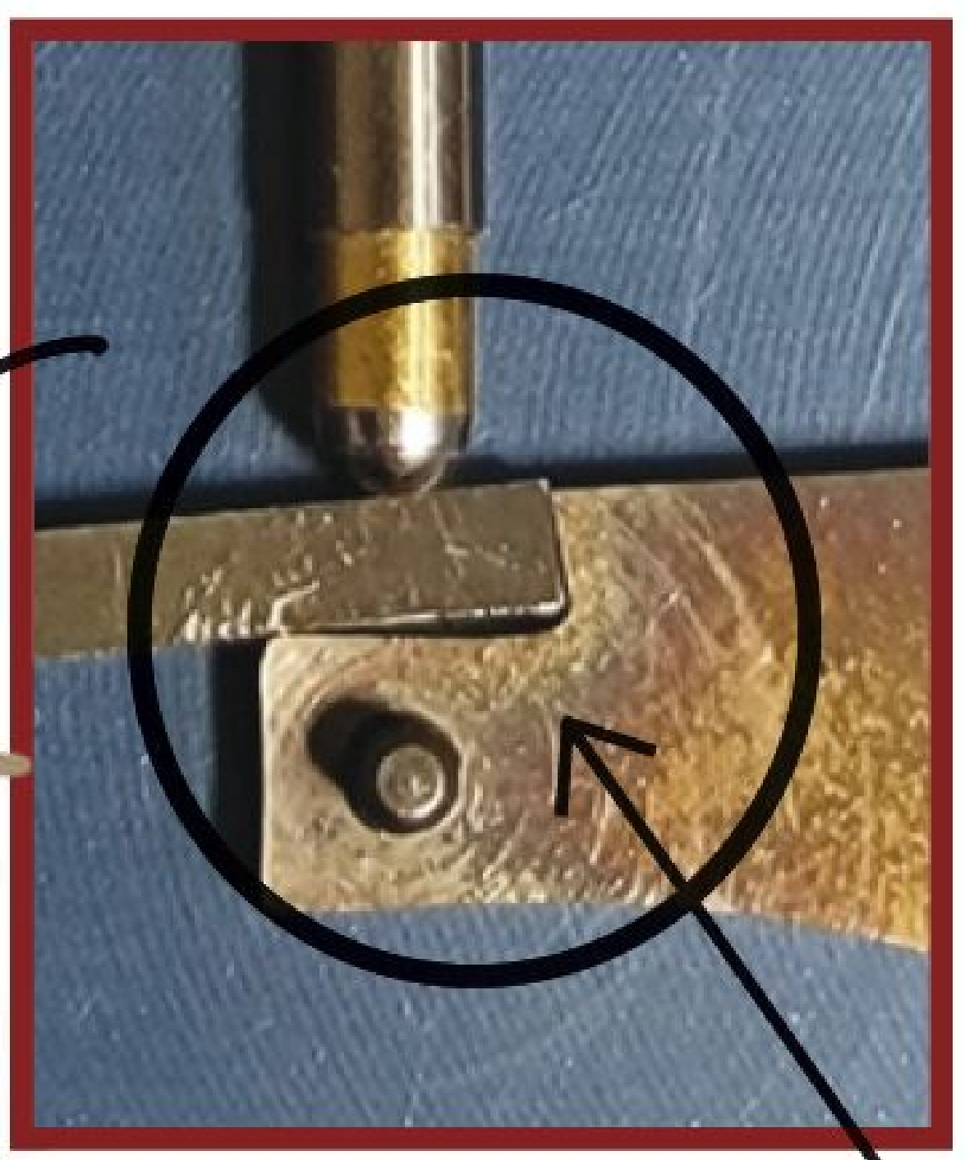

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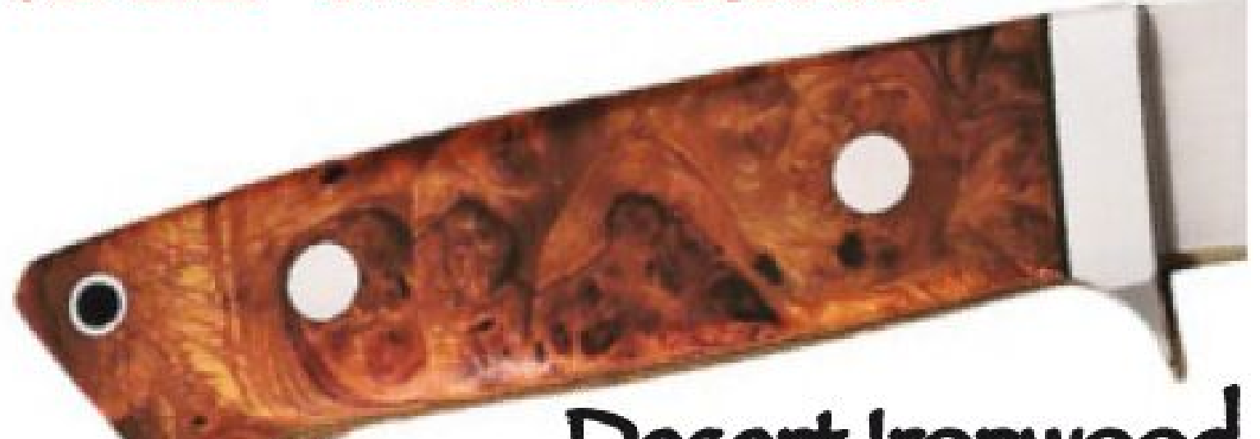

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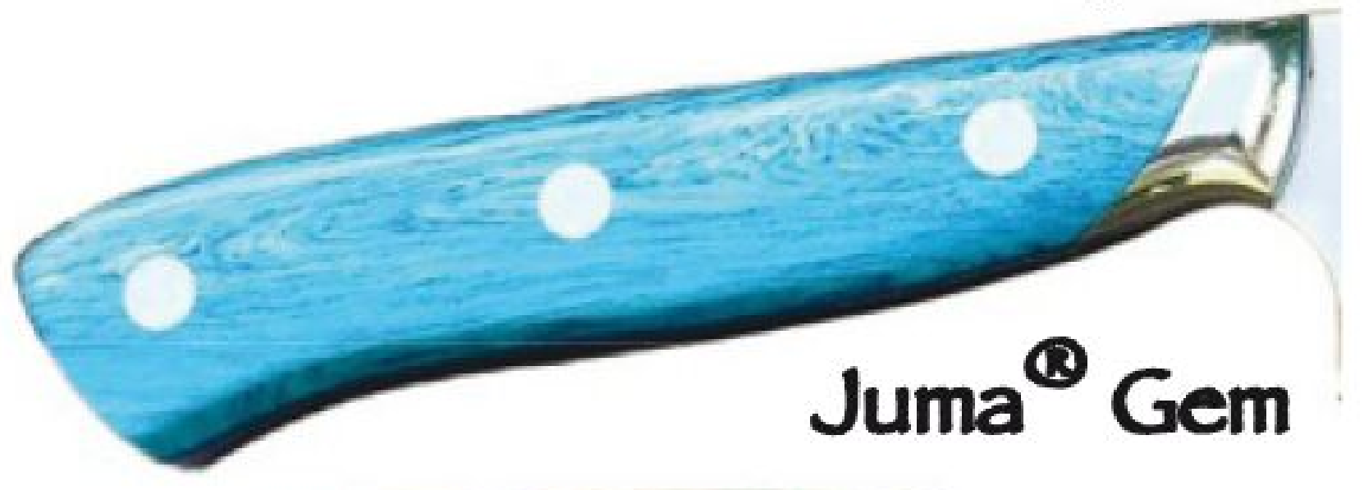

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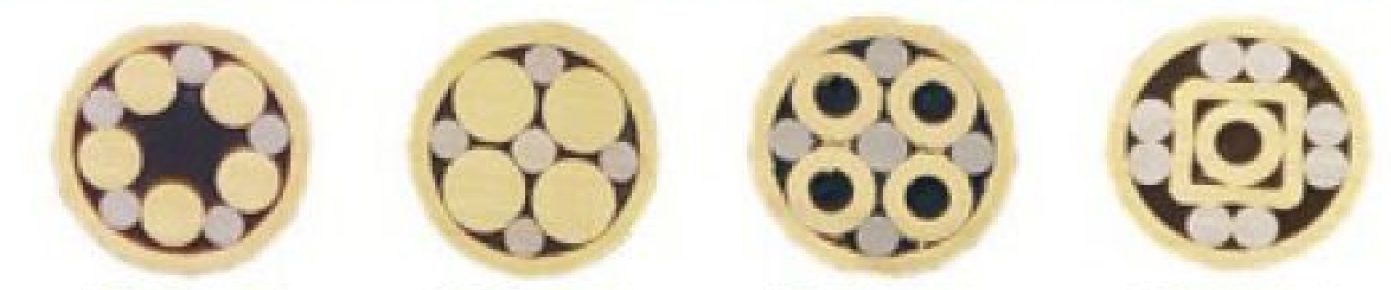

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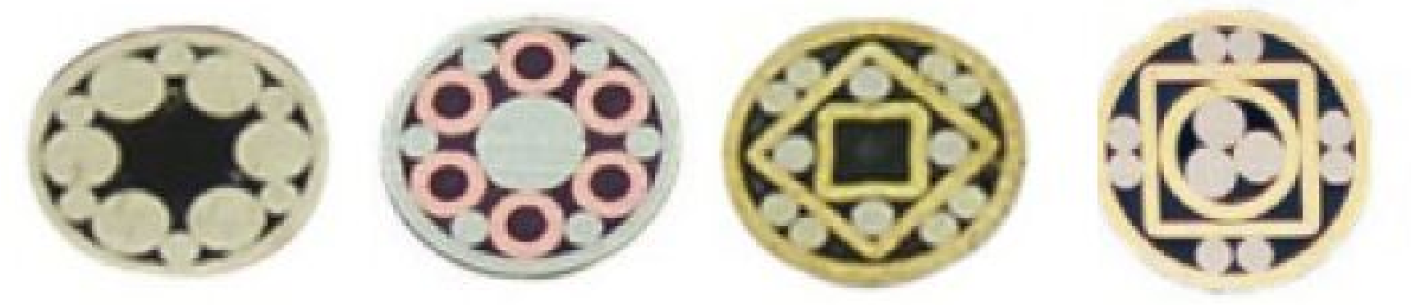

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BY **MIKE HASKEW** BLADE® FIELD EDITOR

Knifemakers TO WATCH IN 2025

The deep pool of worldwide talent is blade boggling

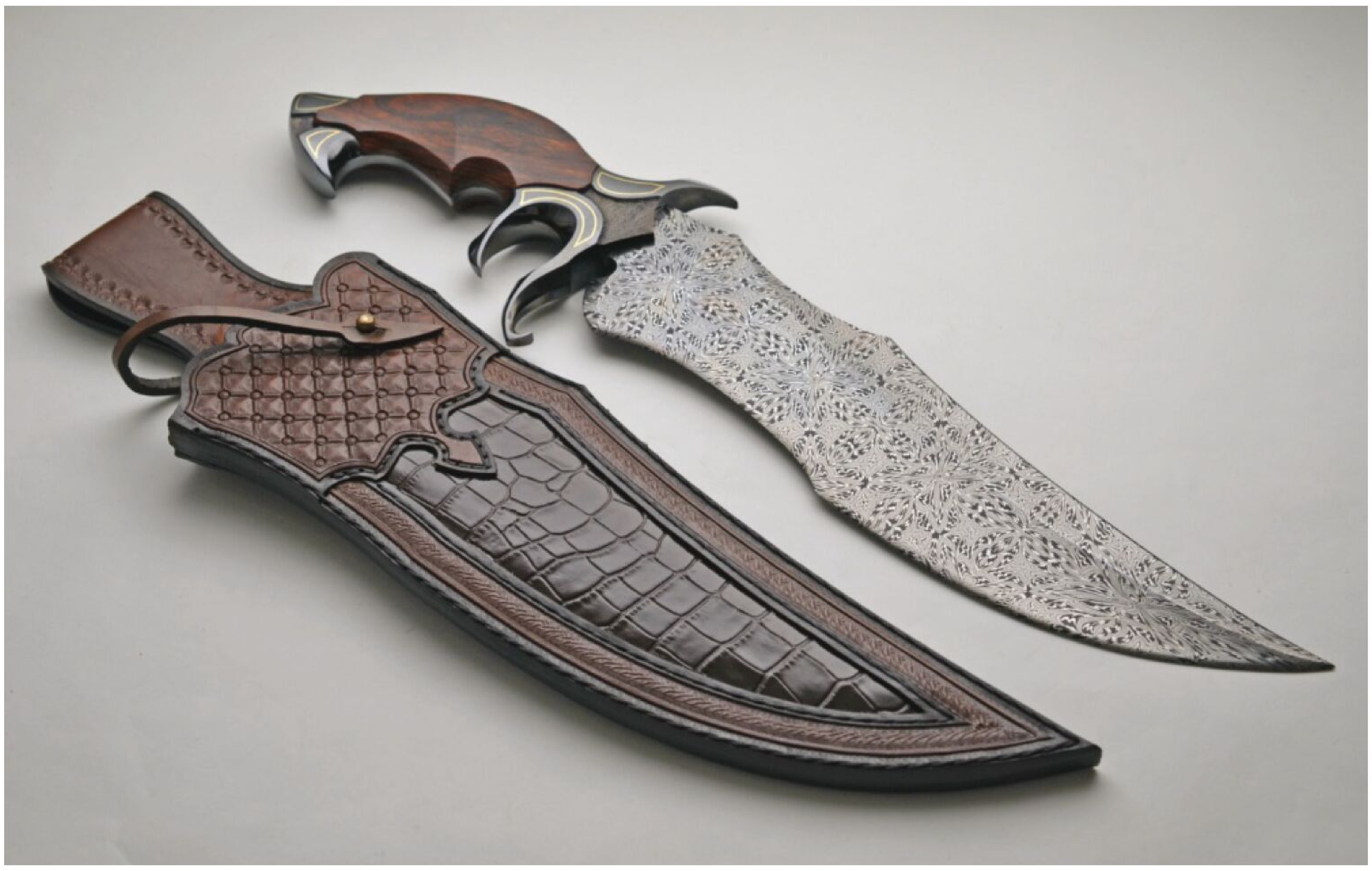
It's the healthy type of mix: veterans and up-and-comers who are bound to be in the custom knifemaking spotlight in 2025. Running the gamut of knife styles and materials, aesthetics and ease of use, these makers bring their best to the market and satisfy a craving among the buying public for extraordinary purchasing opportunities.

"Many knife buyers today are looking for a knife that will outperform knives created in past years," observed Daniel O'Malley of BladeGallery.com. "They want this performance matched with durable yet light handle materials. Constructing handles from titanium rather than steel has allowed high-end makers to create knives that will easily hold up to everyday carry, yet won't weigh down your pocket. When this can be offered at a great price, it is no surprise that these knifemakers gain exceptional popularity. Additionally, it goes without saying that knives made at the highest caliber of quality will always have their place in the market."

O'Malley surveys the deep talent pool among makers and sees Derek Rausch, a brilliant South African maker, as one to watch. "He creates precision-machined, integral, hollow-handle survival knives at an exceptional price," Daniel said. "His high-performance work has a tremendous bang for the buck. His background as a machinist and engineer clearly shines through in his creations. Very few knifemakers around the world have the machining skills necessary to create these dramatic integral knives."

Among the surging folder makers to watch during the next year, Andre Thorburn (page 28), Kosie Steenkamp, Hennie du Plessis and Anton van der Westhuizen are grabbing attention with precision mechanisms, dazzling damascus blades, and handles in both natural and synthetic materials. "Andre continuously offers excellent high-end folders with some of the best action that can be found anywhere," O'Malley explained. "He was the inventor of the internal stop pin, a design feature that made modern flippers possible. His continued innovations, such as his specially modified IKBS bearing system, result in some of the best action found on any folder by any maker worldwide. His consistent level of work means you can guarantee you will be impressed with your knife. Thorburn's spectacular designs and willingness to share his knowledge

Embellished knives such as the Plague Doctor make Hennie du Plessis one to monitor in 2025. "For the last two years, his work has been combined with the expert hand engraving and gold inlay of his wife, Ilze du Plessis," Daniel O'Malley observed. "Rather than just scrollwork, Ilze brings in detailed imagery to create knives which tell a story, such as the Plague Doctor." Closed length: approximately 4.3 inches. (BladeGallery.com image)



CAS Knives, aka the Sobral Brothers, have been on a hot streak for several years, and Dave Ellis sees that streak extending into 2025. Spectacular designs, mosaic damascus, stunning sheaths—CAS knives have it all. (clacuchillos@live.com.ar; Exquisiteknives.com image)

> “HIS CONSISTENT LEVEL OF WORK MEANS YOU CAN GUARANTEE YOU WILL BE IMPRESSED WITH YOUR KNIFE.” —DANIEL O’MALLEY

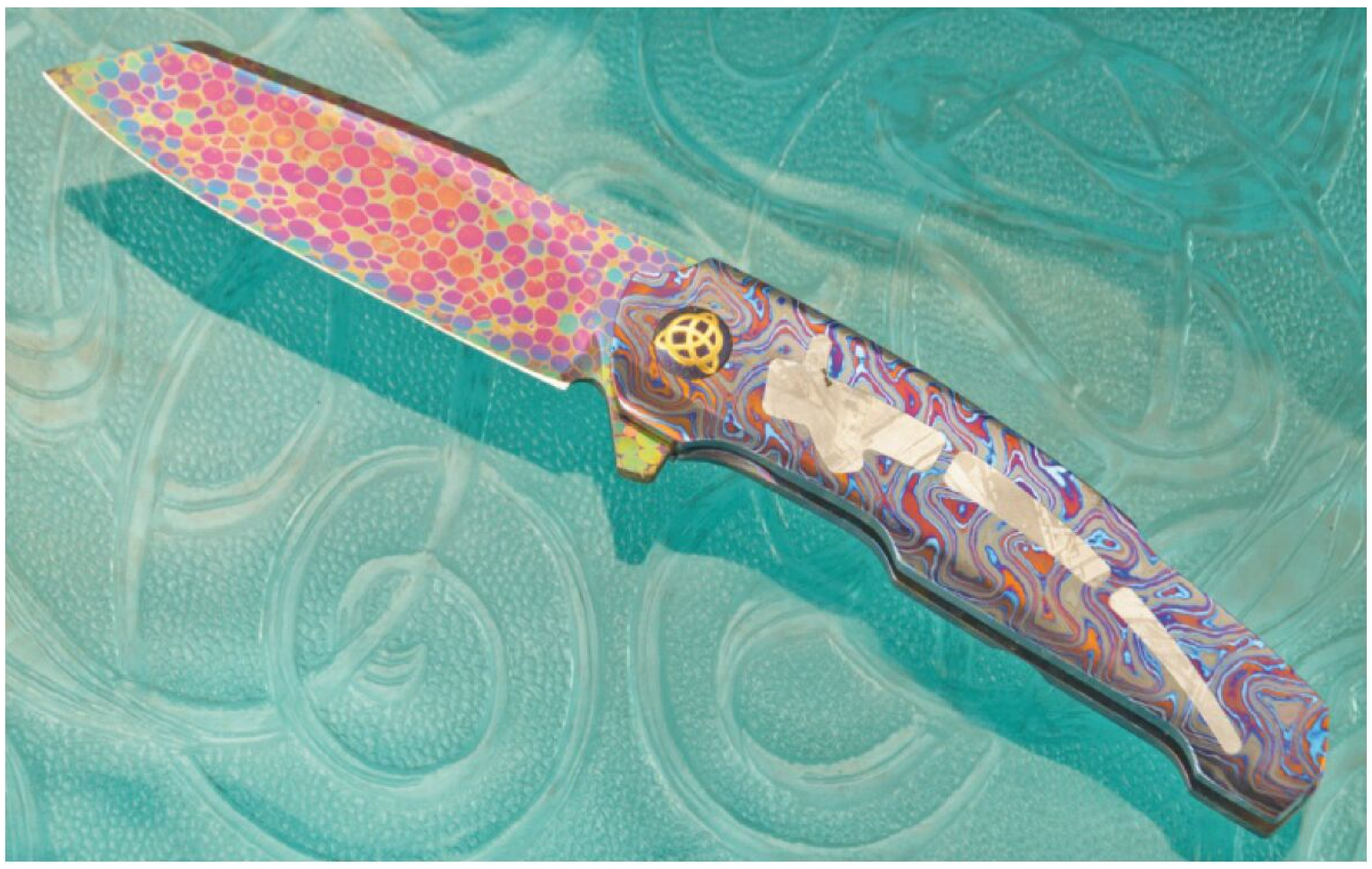
have made him one of the most influential folder makers worldwide.”

With Steenkamp, elegant flippers are the stock in trade, and Daniel sees these knives in multiple environments. “While they would be at home in any collection, they demand to be carried each day,” he related. “They have an intrinsic perfection—both in action and fit and finish—which cannot help but fascinate any knife enthusiast.” Working in premium M390 stainless blade steel and antique Westinghouse Micarta® with heat-colored zirconium handle material, Steenkamp’s skill is well represented in his latest pieces.

Du Plessis is producing notable work in both folders and fixed blades. O’Malley said, “For the last two years his work has been combined with the expert hand engraving and gold inlay of his wife, Ilze du Plessis. Rather than just scrollwork, Ilze brings in detailed imagery to create knives such as the Plague Doctor, which tell a story.” Recently sold, the Plague Doctor has a blade of stainless damascus by Damasteel and a handle of light FatCarbon set in anodized, fileworked and textured titanium liners.

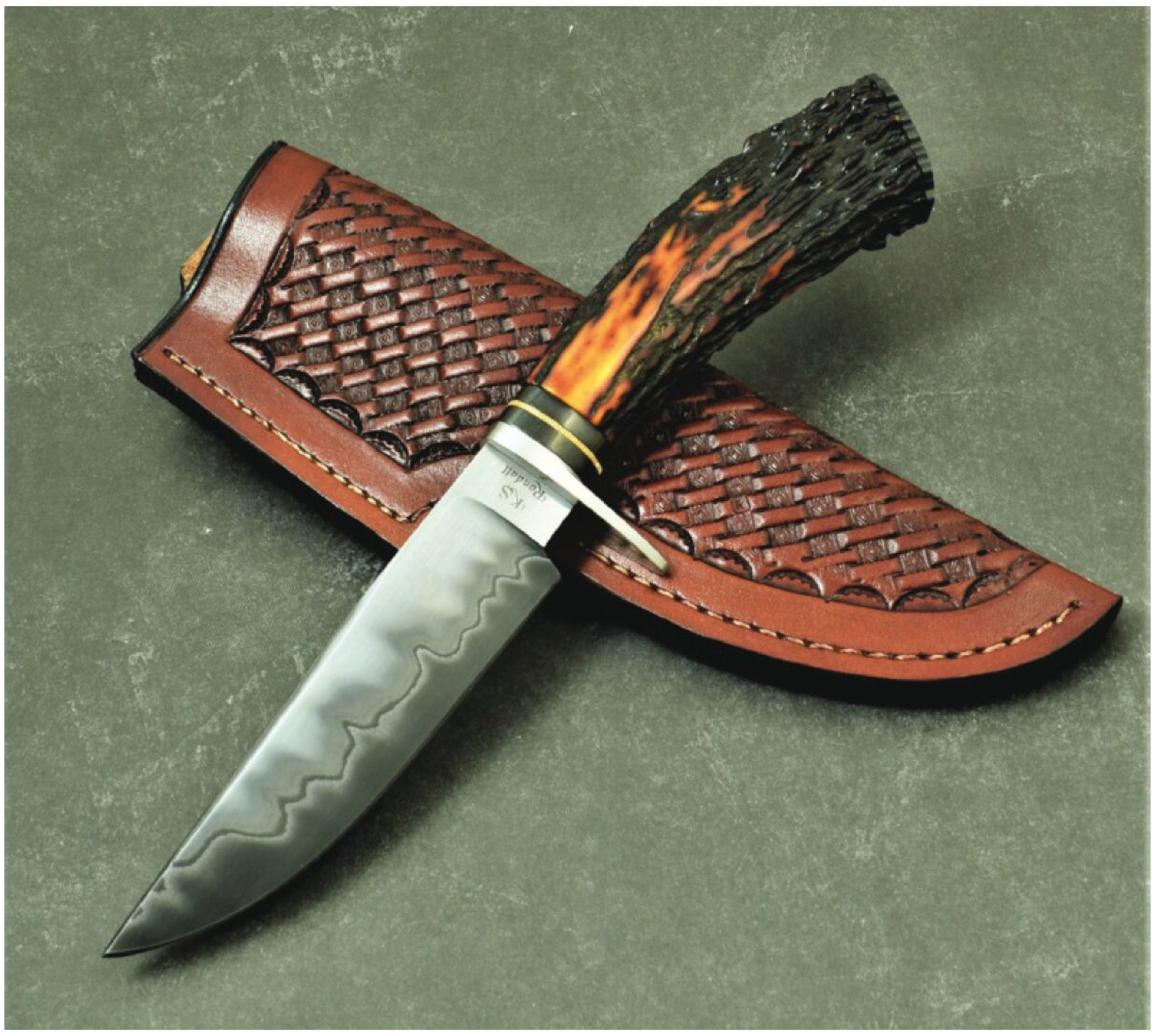
According to Daniel, van der Westhuizen is employing a noteworthy twist. “He is doing incredibly high-end folders with some of the most distinctive materials available such as meteorite, Timascus™ and Dragonskin Damascus. His knives, which range from EDC to engraved masterpieces, all have incredible action and excellent fit and finish combined with materials that tell a story.”

Bladesmith Josh Morgan leads Primitive Woodsman into the limelight in 2025. The enterprise is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina and provides an avenue of expression related to Morgan’s love of the outdoors and his early study of the forge. “Having grown up spending time in the outdoors hunting and fishing, Josh knows what is required to make a good knife,” O’Malley explained. “He had the opportunity to learn the subtleties of knifemaking from ABS master smith Jason Knight. [Primitive Woodsman] knives such as the Bushcraft Light are designed for daily carry and hard daily use.”



According to Daniel O’Malley, Anton van der Westhuizen bears close scrutiny in ’25. Anton makes high-end folders with some of the most distinctive materials available. His Boudicca Angel’s Finger flipper includes Dragonskin Damascus, black Timascus™ and meteorite. Closed length: approximately 4.5 inches. (BladeGallery.com image)

R.J. Martin



Les Robertson says to keep an eye on ABS master smith Steve Randall (inset) and such knives as Steve's *san-mai* hunter in Sambar stag. Overall length: 9 inches. Steve's list price of $950 includes a gorgeous tooled leather sheath. (steve@ksrblades.com; Robertson's Custom Cutlery image)

“HIS PRICES ARE EXACTLY WHERE THEY SHOULD BE, WHICH WILL HELP HIM GAIN ADDITIONAL POPULARITY IN 2025.”—LES ROBERTSON

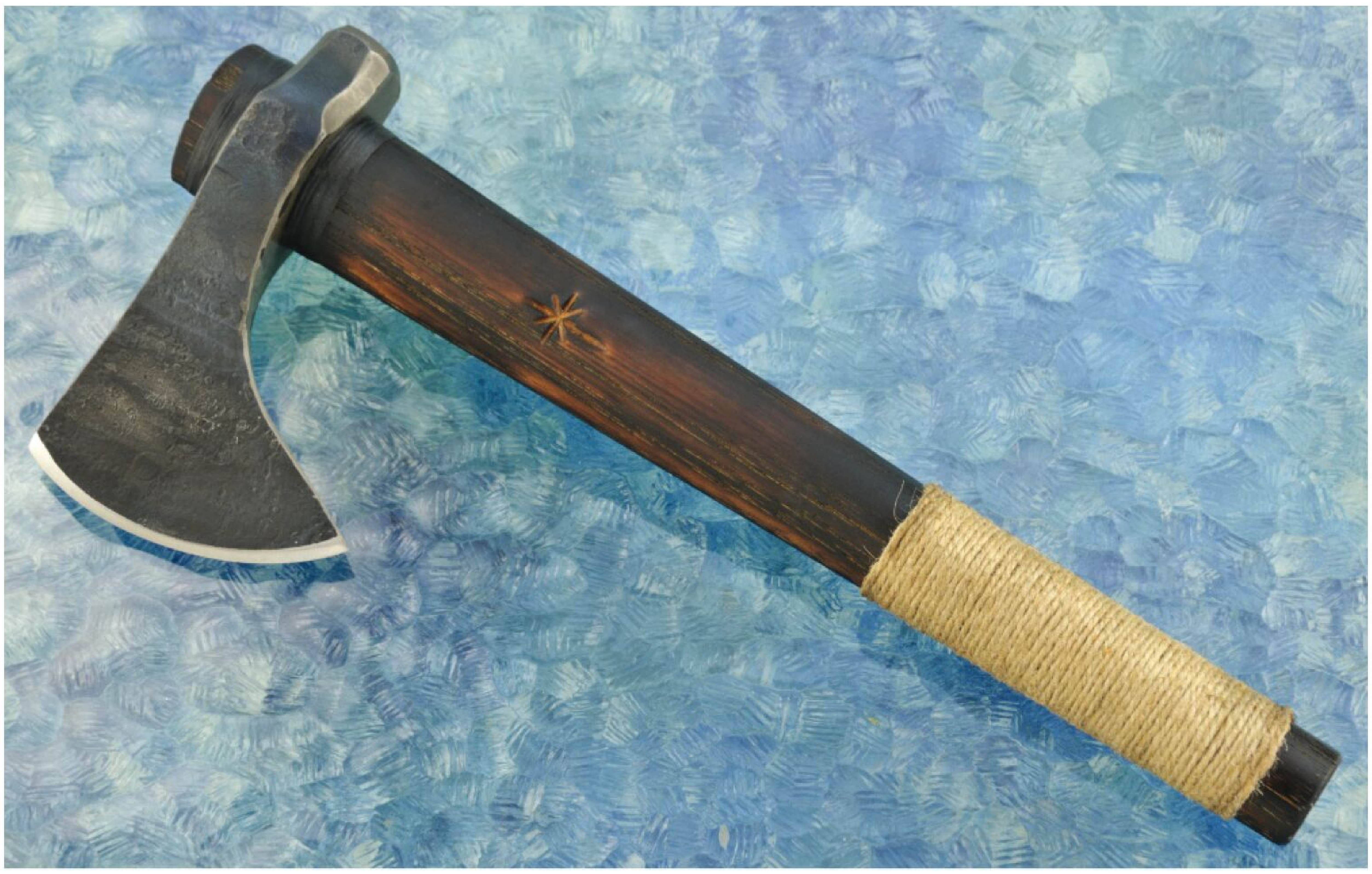
A fixed-blade hunter with a 3.75-inch blade of 80CrV2 carbon steel, the Bushcraft Light comes in a choice of handle materials with a sheath of Kydex or hand-stitched leather. The price of $275 is in the consumer sweet spot.

TACTICAL AND FORGED

ABS journeyman smith Mike Clark and Japanese maker Kikuo Matsuda bring tactical and forged fixed blades to the forefront, respectively. “These are tough knives that have well-designed ergonomics and high-performance edges,” O'Malley said of Matsuda and his Kiku Knives enterprise. “He has been grinding blades for over 40 years and is a fifth-generation knife grinder. Many of Kikuo's designs are inspired by his love for the outdoors. Models designed with input from folks such as Gunny, Darryl Bolke and Japanese YouTuber Survidol have proven to be exceptional highlights.

“Mike Clark is an up-and-coming bladesmith doing stunning forged work with timeless, well-thought-out designs. His handforged knives are often compact and easy to keep on you. He strives to make fixed blades that can be carried and used comfortably every day. The Pocket Scout EDC is a perfect example of his easy-to-carry designs.” The Pocket Scout's price of $275 includes 1084 carbon blade steel, an Arizona desert ironwood handle and a hand-stitched sheath.

Rounding out O'Malley's hot 2025 maker roster is ABS master smith Neels van den Berg and his



Daniel O'Malley is highly complementary of Dylan McCoun, a maker of “incredibly popular axes for the outdoorsman and axe thrower. His Bag Hawks are perfect for taking with you on the go, whether for backpacking or in your bugout bag.” Overall length: 12 inches. (mccoun-tomahawks.com; BladeGallery.com image)

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eye-catching daggers and Dylan McCoun and his sleek axes. "Neels has an exceptional sense of design which transfers into his creations—in fact, he publishes many of his designs, allowing other makers to learn from his experimentation and development," Daniel commented. "Dylan McCoun is making incredibly popular axes for the outdoorsman and axe thrower. His Bag Hawks are perfect for taking with you on the go, whether for backpacking or in your bugout bag."

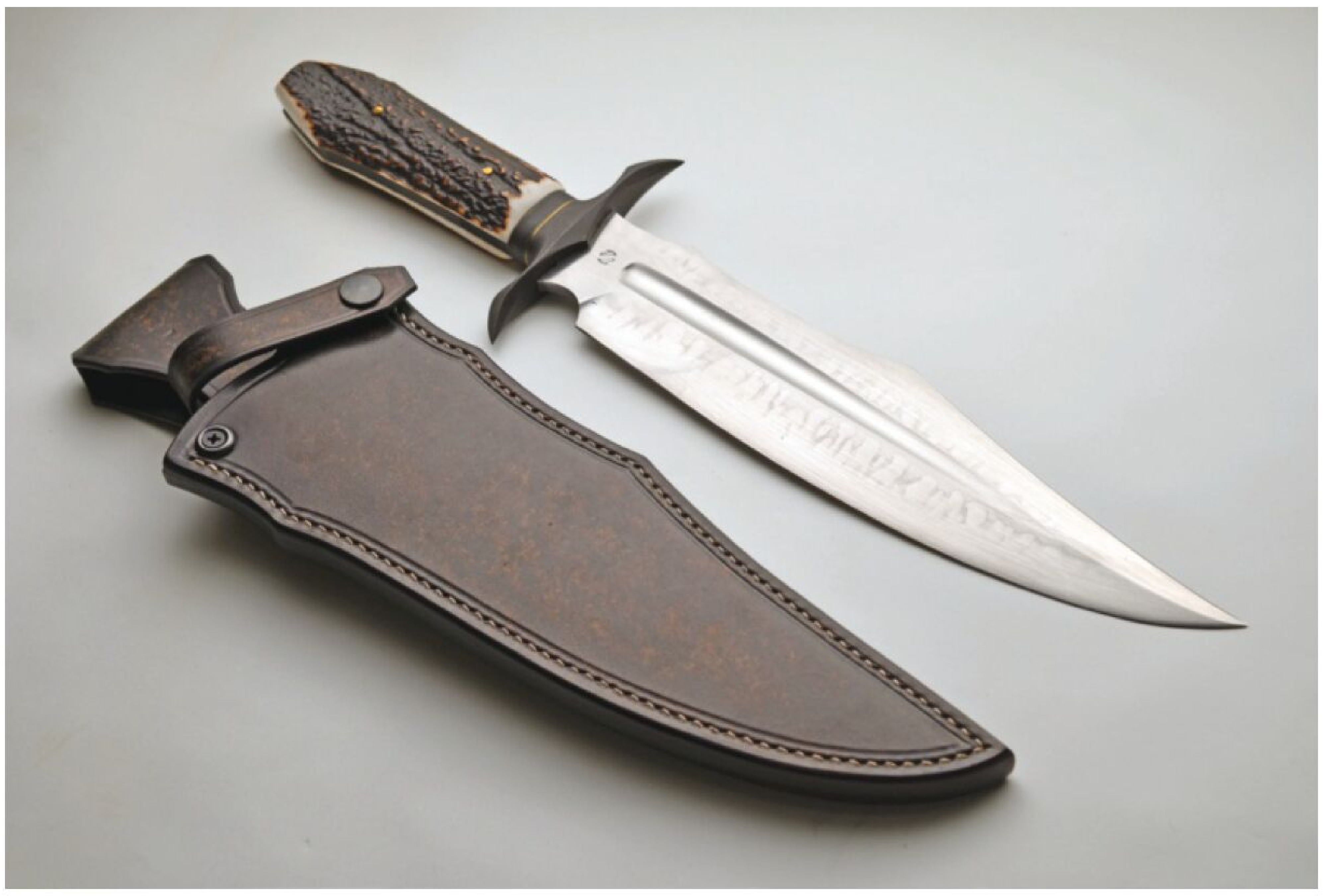
3 BRO's AND A BELGIAN

Also known as the Sobral Brothers, CAS Knives of Argentina specializes in crafting high-quality custom knives. The brothers are recognized for their exceptional craftsmanship and attention to detail, producing a wide range of knives, including hunting, tactical and outdoor models. The Sobral brothers have gained a strong reputation among knife enthusiasts and collectors for their dedication to producing top-notch blades.

"CAS remains on the hot list. Selling everything that they make and currently backlogged, the three brothers from Argentina are not only close friends but also some of the top knifemakers in the world," exclaimed Dave Ellis of Exquisiteknives.com. "With incredible damascus patterns and fanciful patterns and sheaths, CAS will be around and highly sought after for many years."

Sam Lurquin is a celebrated ABS master smith from Belgium known for his exceptional craftsmanship and attention to detail. He is highly respected in the knifemaking community for creating high-quality, functional and visually stunning custom knives. His work often features intricate designs and top-notch materials, making it highly sought after.

"His knives all have his signature look and feel," Ellis assessed. "Sam's fighters are highly prized and among his best sellers. Stag grips are not often seen on his knives and sell quite well. If you are lucky enough to get a Lurquin fighter, it will be obvious why his name is up there with the greats."



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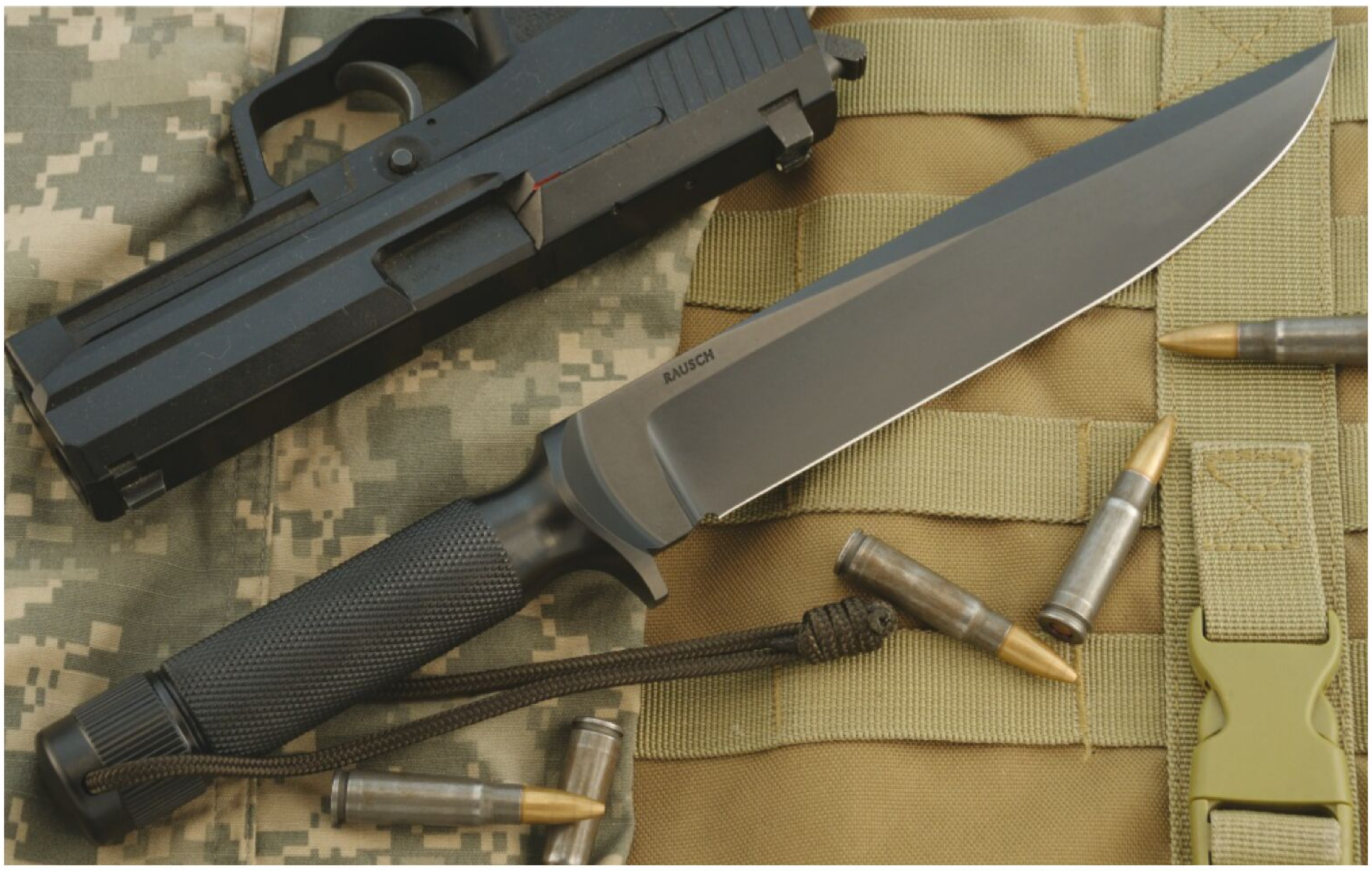
● ABS master smith Neels van den Berg



● Daniel O'Malley is high on the work of South African knifemaker Derek Rausch, including his Gadanga hollow-handle survival knife integral with a decidedly Chris Reeve look. Overall length: 13 inches. (https://www.instagram.com/rauschderek/; BladeGallery.com image)

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CZ0815	1/8" x 1 1/2"	18"	$12.63
CZ0820	1/8" x 2"	18"	$16.85
CZ1015	5/32" x 1 1/2"	18"	$15.87
CZ1020	5/32" x 2"	18"	$21.16
CZ1215	3/16" x 1 1/2"	18"	$19.00
CZ1220	3/16" x 2"	18"	$25.34
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Kosie Steenkamp Knives

Kosie Steenkamp is on Daniel O'Malley's maker-to-watch list. The Comoda flipper in Westinghouse Micarta® and zirconium is a no-nonsense example. Approximate closed length: 4.5 inches. (kosiesteenkampknives.com; BladeGallery.com image)

MAKER & STYLE MOVEMENT

Veteran custom knife purveyor and *BLADE®* field editor Les Robertson of robertsonscustomcutlery.com expects movement among styles and makers in 2025, as some categories are more competitive for the consumer dollar while others will experience growth through new introductions. Robertson sees a couple of long-time makers continuing to be hot: Reese Bose and R.J. Martin. One of Reese’s latest is a three-blade swell center whittler. It includes wharncliffe, pen and coping blades of ATS-34 stainless steel in a handrubbed satin finish with a jigged bone handle and smooth open and close. Reese’s list price for a similar knife: $2,950.

Les likes R.J.’s Q36 linerlock flipper, noting its “serrated thumb ramp, super smooth opening, scary sharp blade and solid lock-up.” Touted as Martin’s signature model, the Q36 boasts CPM S125V blade steel, a zirconium bolster and clip, and a carbon fiber handle. R.J.’s list price: $2,400.

Tuned in to ABS master smith Steve Randall, Les said Steve’s *san-mai* hunter is a “beautiful execution of the classic hunting knife, excellent handle ergonomics and balance. The pommel is fileworked to match the grooves in the stag.” The forged blade is complemented by a blued carbon steel pommel and spacers, stainless guard and a Sambar stag handle. Randall’s price for a similar knife: $950.

Another maker Les said will be hot in the year to come is Phillip Patton. “His prices are exactly where they should be,” Robertson concluded, “which will help him gain additional popularity in 2025.”

A variety of talent, proven and upward bound, promises to make the upcoming year in custom knives one to remember. Economic conditions, collector enthusiasm and other factors will influence the velocity of knife market movement, and as always an element of surprise is present. Expect the unexpected. Rely on the insight of the experts. And jump into the market discourse with optimism.

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Japanese maker Kikuo Matsuda has been grinding blades for over 40 years but is always open to new ideas. Models designed with input from sources such as Gunny, Darryl Bolke and Japanese YouTuber Survidol have proven to be exceptional highlights. The Survidol Mini tactical has a 4.25-inch blade of M390 stainless steel and a handle of camo G-10. Overall length: 8.75 inches. (BladeGallery.com image)

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BLADE GRIND: Saber
HANDLE MATERIAL: Titanium
LOCK: Reeve Integral Lock, aka framelock
POCKET CLIP: Bent titanium
WEIGHT: 4 ozs.
CLOSED LENGTH: 4.2”
OVERALL LENGTH: 8.125”
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: USA
MSRP: $595
AVAILABLE: NOW

2. COLLECTOR SERIES MYSTO/ HOGUE USA

KNIFE TYPE: Manual folder
BLADE LENGTH: 3.4”
BLADE PATTERN: Clip point
BLADE MATERIAL: CPM MagnaCut stainless
BLADE GRIND: Flat
HANDLE MATERIAL: Carbon fiber
LOCK: ABLE Lock® ambidextrous crossbar lock enhanced w/ Glow Rhino blue Tritium insert
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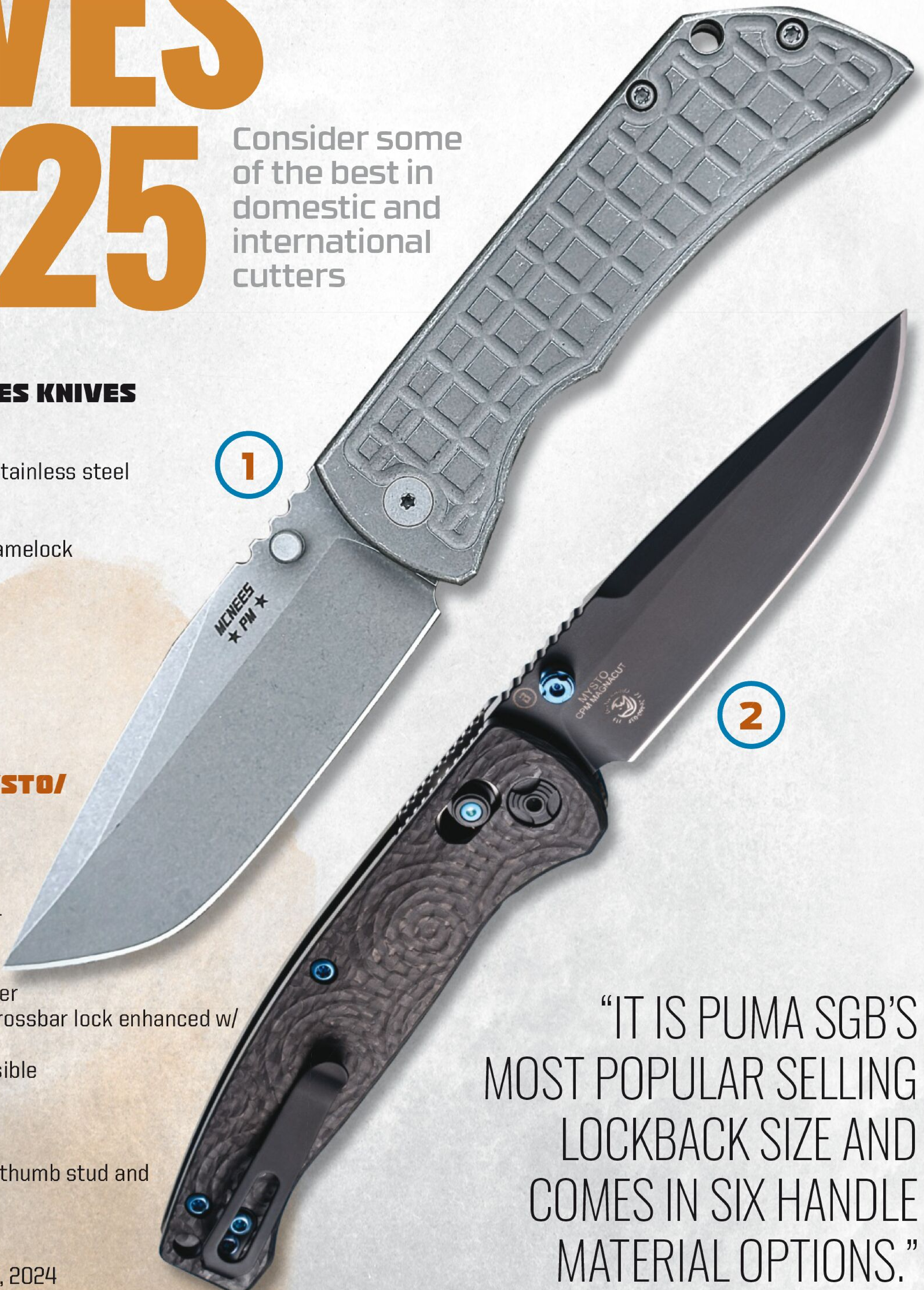

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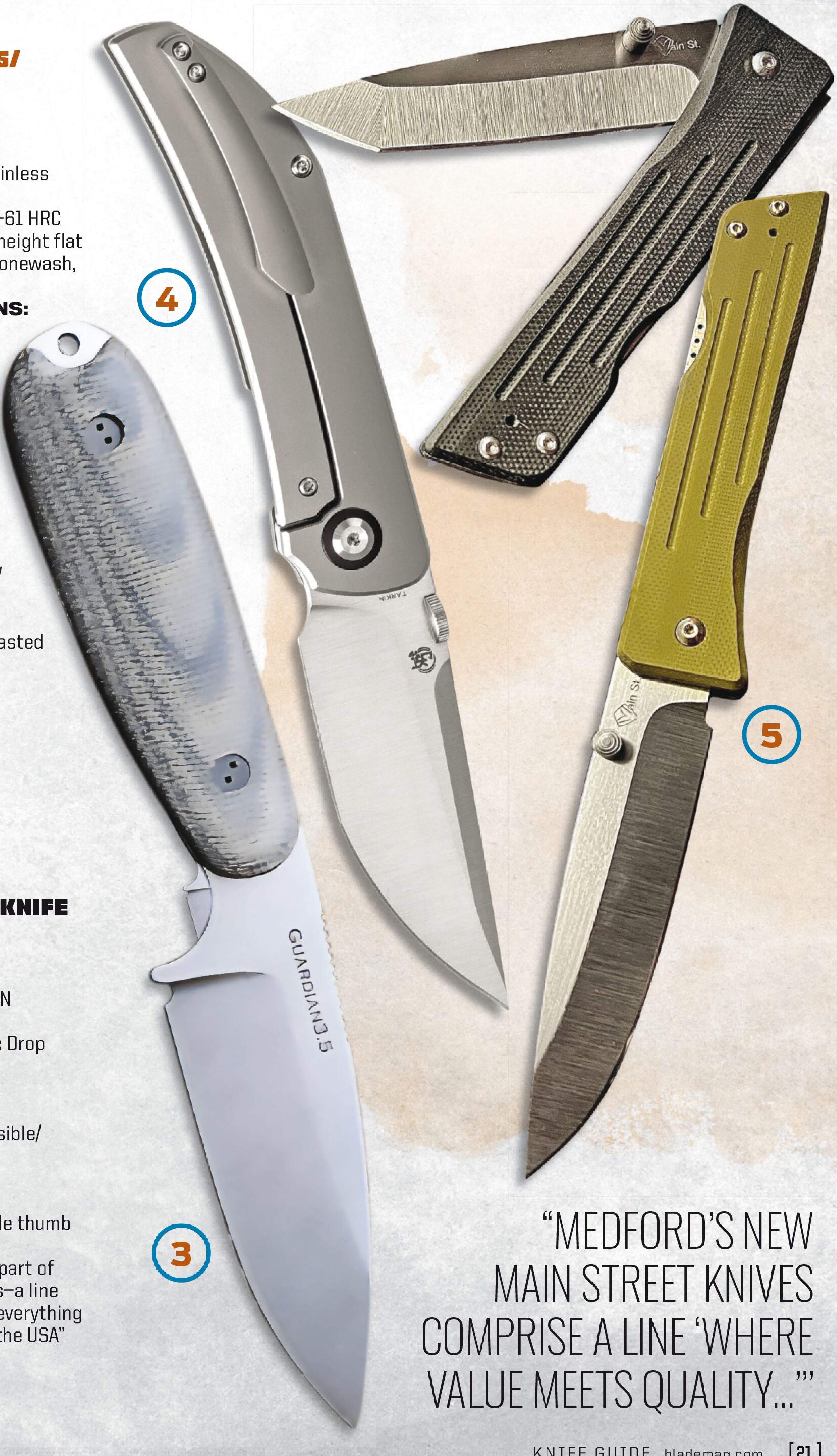
BLADE @THICKEST: .15"
BLADE MATERIAL: Elmax stainless steel
ROCKWELL HARDNESS: 60-61 HRC
BLADE GRIND: Sabre and full height flat
BLADE FINISH OPTIONS: Stonewash, nimbus and black DLC
HANDLE MATERIAL OPTIONS: G-10, Micarta® & carbon fiber
WEIGHT: 4.4 ozs.
OVERALL LENGTH: 7.5"
SHEATH: Horizontal; leather
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: USA
MSRP: $169 and up
AVAILABLE: NOW

4. TARKIN/KANSEPT

KNIFE TYPE: Folder
BLADE LENGTH: 3.42"
BLADE MATERIAL: CPM 20CV stainless
BLADE GRIND: Flat
HANDLE MATERIAL: Bead-blasted titanium
LOCK: Framelock
POCKET CLIP: Tip-up, milled titanium
WEIGHT: 4.34 ozs.
CLOSED LENGTH: 4.45"
OVERALL LENGTH: 7.87"
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: China
MSRP: $256
AVAILABLE: NOW

5. ROUTE 66/MEDFORD KNIFE & TOOL

KNIFE TYPE: EDC pocketknife
BLADE LENGTH: 3.25"
BLADE MATERIAL: CPM S45VN stainless steel
BLADE PATTERN OPTIONS: Drop point or tanto
HANDLE MATERIAL: G-10
LOCK: Back-lock
POCKET CLIP: Titanium; reversible/ambidextrous
WEIGHT: 3 ozs.
CLOSED LENGTH: 4.25"
SPECIAL FEATURE: Reversible thumb stud
KNIFE TO KNOW: Route 66 is part of Medford's new Main Street Knives—a line "where value meets quality, with everything priced around $200 and made in the USA"
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: USA
MSRP: $205
AVAILABLE: NOW



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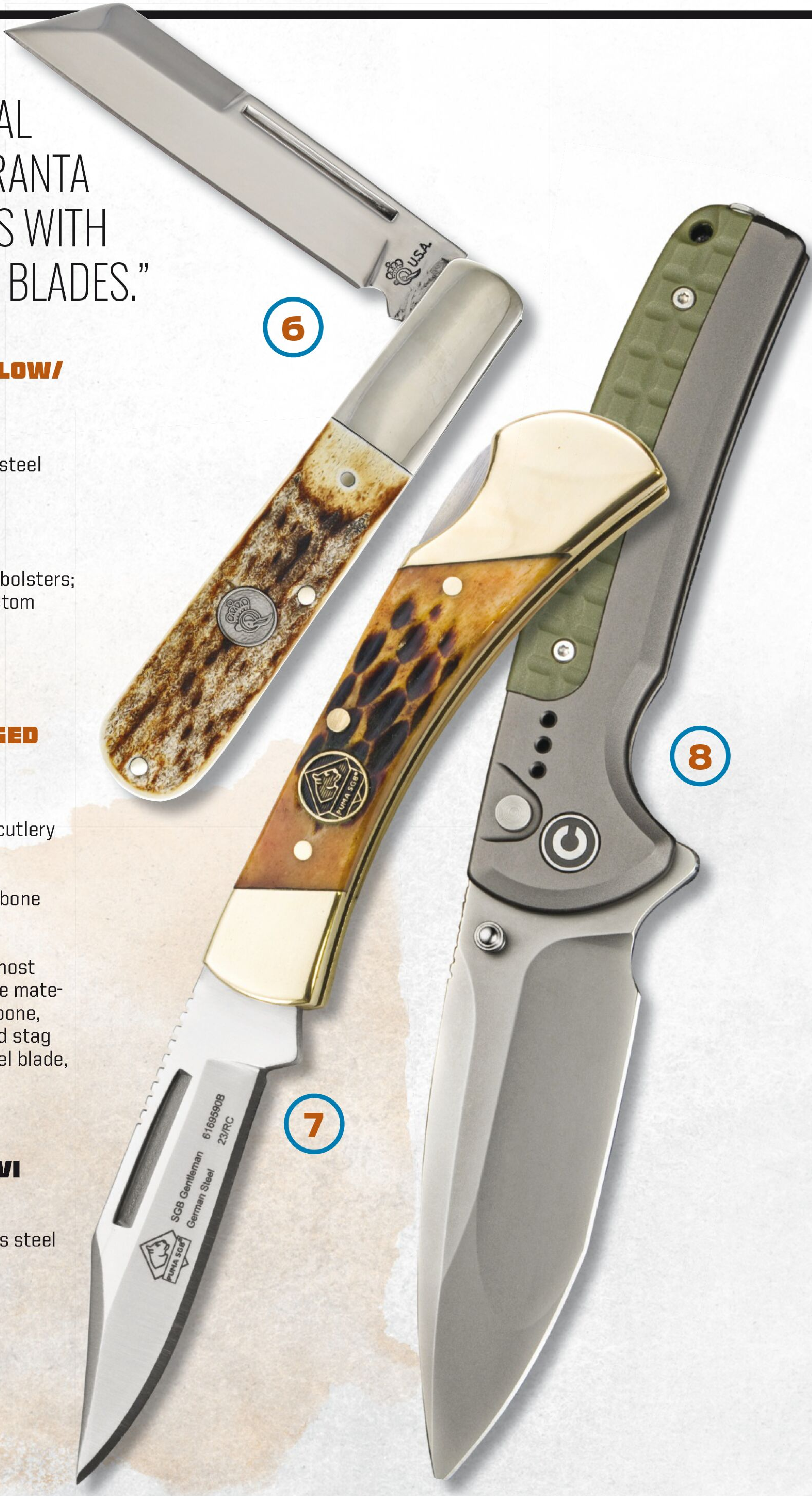

6. LARGE SHEEPSFOOT BARLOW/ QUEEN KNIVES USA

KNIFE TYPE: Slipjoint

BLADE LENGTH: 3”

BLADE MATERIAL: 1095 stainless steel

BLADE GRIND: CNC taper

HANDLE MATERIAL: Stag

WEIGHT: 3.03 ozs.

CLOSED LENGTH: 4”

SPECIAL FEATURES: Nickel silver bolsters; brushed finish; “Q” shield; full color custom collectors tin

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: USA

MSRP: $85.99

AVAILABLE: NOW

7. GENTLEMAN BROWN JIGGED BONE/PUMA SGB

KNIFE TYPE: Lockback pocketknife

BLADE LENGTH: 2.3”

BLADE MATERIAL: 1.4116 German cutlery stainless steel

BLADE GRIND: Hollow

HANDLE MATERIAL: Brown jigged bone

WEIGHT: 2 ozs.

CLOSED LENGTH: 3”

KNIFE TO KNOW: It is Puma SGB’s most popular selling lockback size; six handle material options of wood, black G-10, white bone, brown jigged bone, Commando stag and stag

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: German steel blade, knife made in China

MSRP: $74.99

AVAILABLE: NOW

8. SENTINEL STRIKE II/CIVIVI

KNIFE TYPE: Flipper folder

BLADE LENGTH: 3.7”

BLADE MATERIAL: Nitro-V stainless steel

BLADE WIDTH: 1.46”

BLADE FINISH: Stonewashed

CLOSED LENGTH: 4.91”

BLADE @THICKEST: .12”

HANDLE MATERIAL: OD green FRN (fiberglass-reinforced nylon)

LOCK: Button lock

WEIGHT: 3.69 ozs.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: China

MSRP: $105

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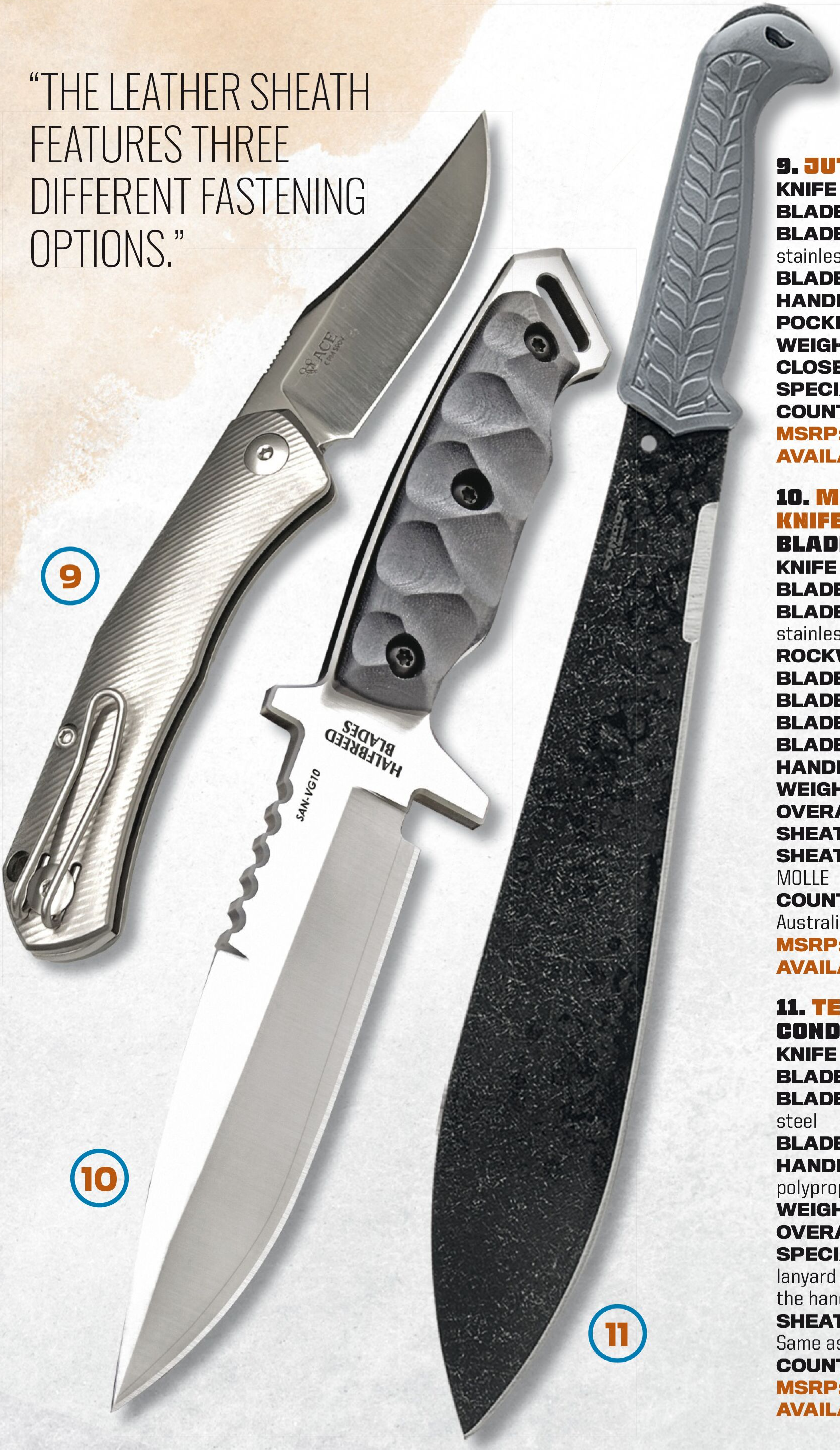

9. JUTLAND/GIANTMOUSE

KNIFE TYPE: Slipjoint
BLADE LENGTH: 2.72”
BLADE MATERIAL: CPM S90V stainless steel
BLADE FINISH: Satin
HANDLE MATERIAL: Titanium
POCKET CLIP: Wire
WEIGHT: 2.6 ozs.
CLOSED LENGTH: 3.89”
SPECIAL FEATURES: Washer pivot
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Italy
MSRP: $235
AVAILABLE: Early 2025

10. MEDIUM INFANTRY KNIFE GEN-2/HALFBREED BLADES

KNIFE TYPE: Fixed blade
BLADE LENGTH: 5.31”
BLADE MATERIAL: SAN-VG10 stainless steel
ROCKWELL HARDNESS: 59-60 HRC
BLADE @THICKEST: .25”
BLADE EDGE: Polished plain
BLADE FINISH: Satin
BLADE PATTERN: Drop point
HANDLE MATERIAL: G-10
WEIGHT: 11.14 ozs.
OVERALL LENGTH: 10.43”
SHEATH: Injection molded plastic
SHEATH MOUNTING: Belt & PALS/MOLLE
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Comprises Australian & Taiwanese make
MSRP: $295
AVAILABLE: November 2024

11. TERRACHETE MACHETE/CONDOR TOOL & KNIFE

KNIFE TYPE: Machete
BLADE LENGTH: 14.6”
BLADE MATERIAL: 1075 carbon steel
BLADE GRIND: Convex
HANDLE MATERIAL: High-impact polypropylene in Gray Rhino
WEIGHT: 25.4 ozs.
OVERALL LENGTH: 20.72”
SPECIAL FEATURES: Combo grind, lanyard holes on the blade and base of the handle
SHEATH TYPE & MATERIAL: Same as handle; w/leather belt loop
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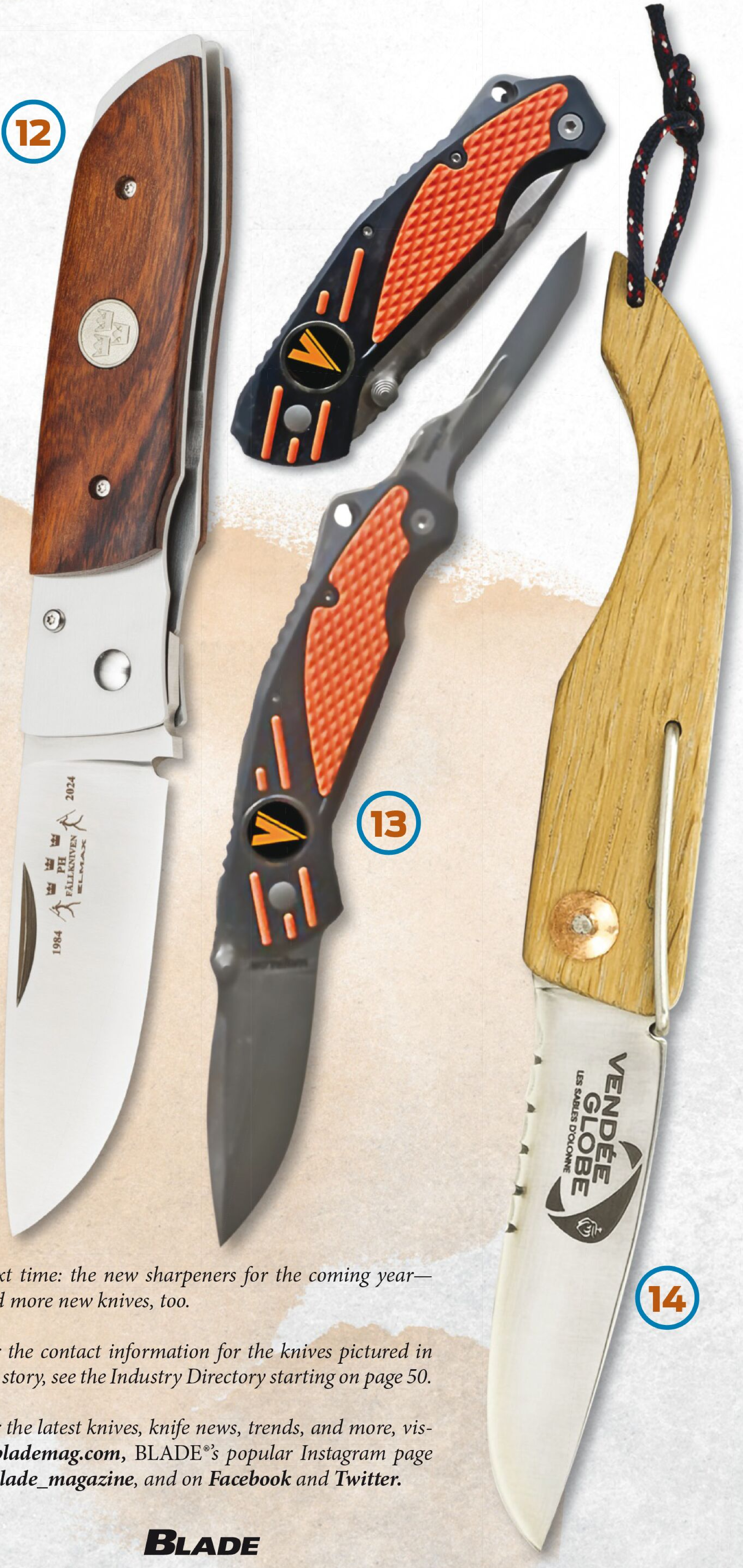

12. PHANTOM ANNIVERSARY/ FALLKNIVEN

KNIFE TYPE: Locking folder
BLADE LENGTH: 2.87"
BLADE MATERIAL: Elmax stainless steel
BLADE GRIND: Convex
HANDLE MATERIAL: Desert ironwood
LOCK: Linerlock
POCKET CLIP: On the leather sheath
WEIGHT: 2.72 ozs.
CLOSED LENGTH: 3.97"
SPECIAL FEATURES: Leather sheath w/three different fastening options
SHEATH: Leather
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Japan
MSRP: $360
AVAILABLE: NOW

13. PIRANTA-V/ HAVALON

KNIFE TYPE: Double-bladed
BLADE LENGTH: 3"
REPLACEABLE BLADE LENGTH: 2.75"
BLADE MATERIAL: AUS-8 stainless steel
REPLACEABLE BLADE MATERIAL: Stainless steel blend
HANDLE MATERIAL: Military-grade polymer
LOCK: Linerlock
POCKET CLIP: Removable
WEIGHT: 3.8 ozs.
CLOSED LENGTH: 4.5"
SPECIAL FEATURES: Has a traditional fixed blade and Piranta fitment that comes with seven replaceable blades
SHEATH: Zip-up nylon holster
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Taiwan
MSRP: $69.99
AVAILABLE: First quarter 2025

14. ENCAN 10 INCH/FAROL

KNIFE TYPE: Locking folder
BLADE MATERIAL: Stainless steel
BLADE EDGE: Serrated
HANDLE: Oak
LOCK: Wire spring opens w/thumb flick
PIVOT PIN: Naval rivet
KNIFE TO KNOW: The knife commemorates the 10th edition of the Vendee Globe, "the world's biggest single-handed, non-stop, unassisted boat race"; 200 competitors participated in the 24,300-mile-long event and only 114 finished; the non-mark side of the handle is embellished with the GPS coordinates of the starting line, and includes a *garcette* (lanyard) for hanging the knife on a knob, nail, etc.
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: France
MSRP: n/a
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Styles to Beguile

Hot holdovers and some blasts from the past make '25 a year of anticipation

Predicting the future is an exercise in experience and intuition, and when it comes to the custom knife market those who are close to the action can offer some insight into the marketplace for 2025. For sure, there remains a mix of the familiar along with a bit of adventure and expectation. There's also a word of caution from those who watch the market—and there is always excitement zsurrounding what lies just over the horizon.

Standards such as everyday carry (EDC), high-end, stylized damascus blades, and tactical knives that have evolved in the past three decades from the new "it" knives to the realm of classic style will remain popular. However, listening to the experts, the purveyors and observers who are close to the custom knife artists themselves, brings the news of the day.

"Those makers offering basic EDC folders—blade, ti frame [and] possibly handle material—and a price commensurate with their position in the market will see an increase in sales," predicted longtime custom knife purveyor Les Robertson of robertsonscustomcutlery.com. "Well-made hunters with prices commensurate with the maker's skill set and their choice of materials will do well in 2025. If priced accordingly, this will include *san-mai* and damascus hunters under $1,000. And yes, they need to have a leather sheath. Tactical knives will increase in popularity due to their versatility and nostalgia and favorable price point."

Robertson goes on to highlight the work of several accomplished custom makers that illustrates his perspective. Brent Sandow's rendi-

● EDC folders such as Andre Thorburn's L55 in SG2 *san-mai* damascus and FatCarbon scales will be among the best ones to have. "Andre continuously offers excellent high-end folders with some of the best action that can be found anywhere," Daniel O'Malley opined. (BladeGallery.com image)

tion of the classic Fairbairn-Sykes "S" guard dagger, says Les, is a perfect example of a nostalgic tactical knife. A New Zealander, Sandow brings a slight variation on the original at $625 with D-2 blade, checkered stainless steel handle, and a flat black Cerakote® blade finish.

Price is perhaps a bigger influence in the damascus sphere than anywhere else for 2025. "Overpriced damascus will be less popular due to saturation and cost," Les observed. "Makers enjoy the challenge of making damascus. At the same time, they see their peers getting more money for a knife with damascus. Regarding damascus, makers are going to have to examine their price points."

As collectors become more discerning with their dollars, Robertson relates that they are driven by a greater appreciation of the skill set required and the investment of time that produces the truly exceptional damascus knife. A great example is ABS master smith Josh Fisher's feather-pattern fixed blade with a ringed gidgee handle and custom leather sheath. His list price: $2,600. Still, with further analysis the potential slowing of high-end damascus fighters and bowies may well lead to the emergence of the long-appreciated and well-loved slipjoint. It's a bit of a retro look, and Robertson sees it driven in the same manner as the slipjoint surge of 2008.

"The Bill Moran School of Bladesmithing is now offering classes on slipjoint folders," Les

"I HOPE TO SEE CONTINUED INTEREST GARNERED FOR THE CUSTOM EDC FIXED BLADE WORLD IN THE COMING YEAR."
—RYAN FORREST

● Ryan Forrest of Arizona Custom Knives (ACK) declared that EDC fixed blades will be hot. Joe Watson's Ken Brock *sgian dubh* carries in a Kydex sheath. The blade is copper damascus *san-mai* and the handle is black cord wrap over black stingray. ACK's price: $600. (Arizona Custom Knives image)

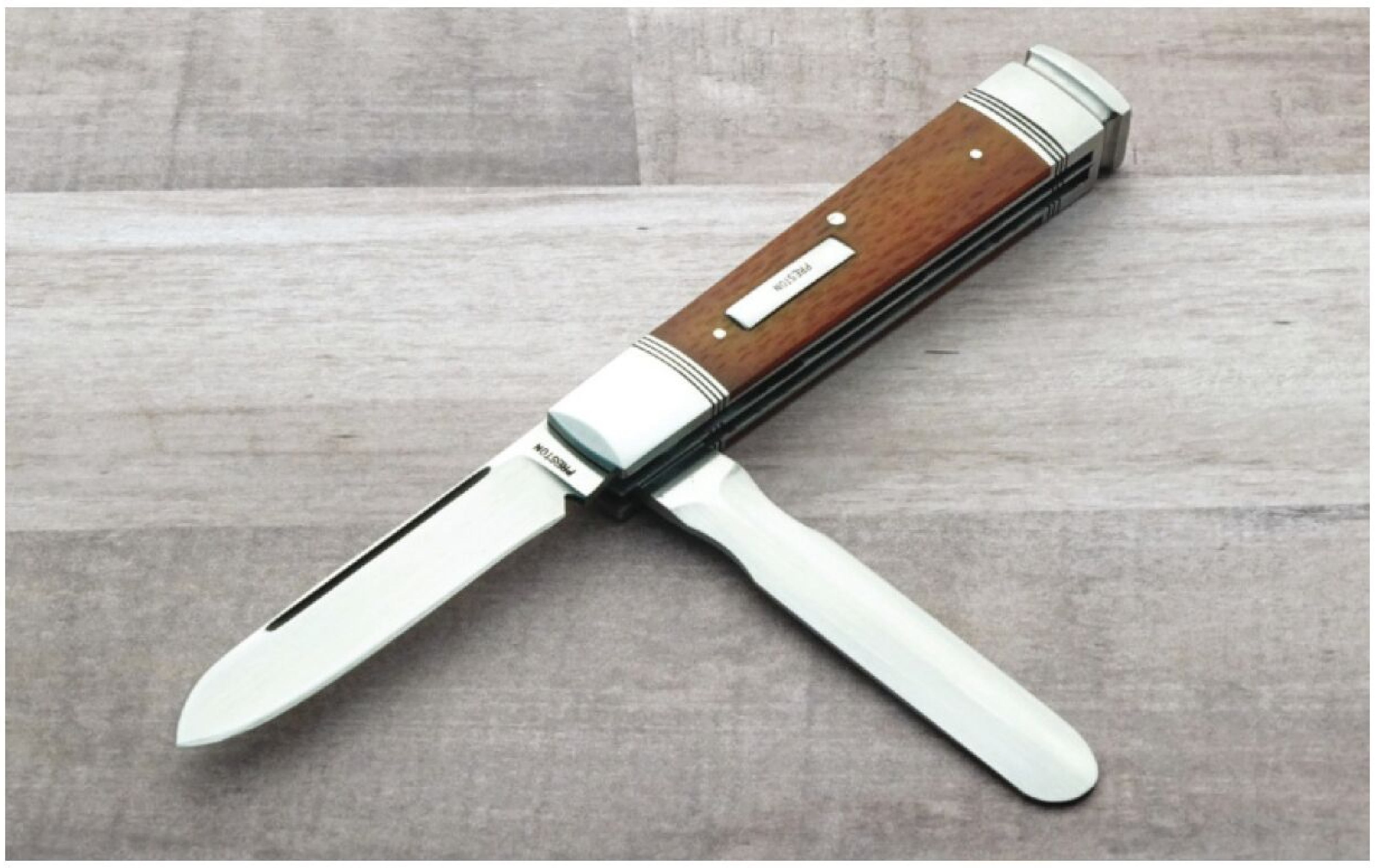
● Look for quality forged damascus blades such as this one by ABS journeyman smith Stuart Smith to be in demand. According to Daniel O'Malley, "By using time-tested combinations like 1095 and 15N20 steels, Stuart ensures his blades will not only be dramatic, but they will also hold a keen, long-lasting edge." Overall length: 15.7 inches. (samuraistu@forgedknives.co.za; BladeGallery.com image)

● Daniel O'Malley indicated kitchen knives saw a substantial uptick in demand during the COVID-19 pandemic, and their popularity has returned to a stable level in recent years. "Sam Reed's custom chef's knives combine high performance with perfect balance and fit and finish. By combining ultra-high-performance steels with dramatic natural wood handles, Sam creates a kitchen knife that will be the envy of any chef." Overall length: 12.1 inches. (reedhammerandneedle.com; BladeGallery.com image)

said, "which will contribute to an increase in the number of slipjoint folders for sale. The issue will become how many of these fixed-blade makers' clients will migrate to the slipjoint folder market sector. Too many knives and not enough customers is not what any custom knife market sector wants."

Representative of a probable slipjoint uptick is Rusty Preston's physician's knife—aka pillbuster—with a CPM 154 stainless steel blade, jigged bone handle, and carry-friendly closed length of 4 inches. Rusty's list price: $750. Les remarked, "The spring is flush closed with half-stop and open positions. The second blade is a tongue depressor, and the bottom of the second bolster is used for crushing pills."

In another nod to tradition, the forged knife is a category to watch in 2025 based on Robertson's close observation. "Forged knives will remain popular with buyers," he commented. "Many collectors and users like the organic nature of blades made in the forge. Today, makers all around the U.S. are



● Slipjoints should continue to be in demand, thanks in no small part to the Bill Moran School of Bladesmithing offering new classes on the genre. Rusty Preston's physician's knife checks all the boxes with handrubbed satin blades and jigged bone scales. Closed length: 4 inches. Rusty's price for a similar knife: $750. (Robertson's Custom Cutlery image)

STYLES TO WATCH IN ’25*

- EDC folders and fixed blades
- Beautifully engraved knives
- Damascus knives
- Forged knives
- Slipjoints
- Tactical fixed blades
- Hunters w/sheaths

*The styles are listed in alphabetical order; only examples that are well made and priced right apply.

offering classes on forging knives. This increases the speed of the learning curve, creating even more knifemakers. Granted, not all of these students become knifemakers. However, enough of these additional knives will put pressure on the market.”

Les points to a forged damascus hunter by ABS master smith Russ Andrews as indicative of the style for 2025. With blade and furniture of ladder pattern damascus, the knife sports an amber Sambar stag handle. Russ’s list price: $925. “This is a beautiful execution of the classic hunting knife,” Robertson said. “The pommel is fileworked to match the striations on the stag, and Russ’s design flows effortlessly from one element to the next.”

From season to season, year to year, and even beyond some knife styles remain entrenched in the collective mind of the buying public. For Robertson, the tactical has achieved such status. “No category of custom knives ever goes away completely,” he asserted. “Some gain popularity again, which will be the case for tactical fixed blades. Due to the versatility of their design, materials, and ability to be used these knives will get more interest in 2025.”

Les advises checking out Piotr Gosciniak’s Tracker with Sleipner

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Well-made hunting knives are among the styles picked to do well in 2025. Mariano Yannoni's Special Skinner features an upswept blade with *hamon*, full-tang construction and pinned carbon fiber scales. The Arizona Custom Knives price of $475 includes a brown leather sheath. (Arizona Custom Knives image)

Ed's Manifesto La Bruja is a collaboration between Turner CNC and Ed Calderon/Sneakreaper Industries. The tactical fixed-blade EDC features a CPM 3V carbon blade steel. The handle comes in CNC-textured G-10 or Ultem scales, which remove to reveal a small storage compartment. The Arizona Custom Knives price: $495 (includes Kydex sheath with a Tracker Dan Gen 2 clip). (turnercncinc.com; Arizona Custom Knives image)

stainless blade steel and textured black G-10 handle. Piotr's list price: $490. "The Tracker is designed and built for serious work," Les noted.

When Robertson singles out ABS journeyman smith (JS) Wess Barnhill's damascus-frame-handle hunter, his purpose is to provide "an excellent example of a JS maker who understands his position in the market." With forged ladder pattern blade and amber desert ironwood handle, Barnhill's list price for his hunter is $900.

PROCEED WITH CAUTION

Here, however, the caution sign flashes across the custom knife spectrum. "Overpriced damascus bowies, fighters and even hunters will continue to slow down, especially among JS makers. Too many JS makers raise their prices primarily because they see the master smith makers getting more for their knives," Robertson opined. Further, he said, "The growing market saturation of kitchen knives and slipjoint folders will impact how many knives each maker will sell due to increased competition. There is too much supply and not enough demand. Fewer individual sales will cause many makers to reconsider staying in these markets."

At Arizona Custom Knives (ACK), Ryan Forrest keeps his eye on trending types. "I hope to see continued interest garnered for the custom EDC fixed blade world in the coming year," he remarked. "We move a ton of inventory, and a great many of them are straight knives. Joe Watson has very practical designs as well as some eye-catchers, for sure! I carry my Yari Tanto all the time, and customer feedback is why I continue to buy knives from him." ACK'S price for Watson's spear point Yari Tanto with CPM S35VN stainless steel blade and G-10 handle is $525.

Turner CNC, a small batch machine shop, is "putting out some interesting things lately," according to Forrest. Additionally, Ed's Manifesto collaboration knives exude covert and tactical influence, which Ryan said "leaves these knives effective."

Lastly, Ryan praises the "ornamental" style with the work of Mario Yannoni gaining traction. "Mario is another maker we continue to support," he said. "He has some wild knives! The cool factor is high and can only be made better with his level of fit and finish."

PAST IS PROLOGUE

When veteran purveyor Daniel O'Malley of BladeGallery.com surveys the custom knife landscape, he sees the long view, peaks and valleys along with numerous influencing circumstances. His experience and business acumen combine for a respected perspective across the custom knife universe. He advises that both custom folders and fixed blades will always occupy prominent places in the

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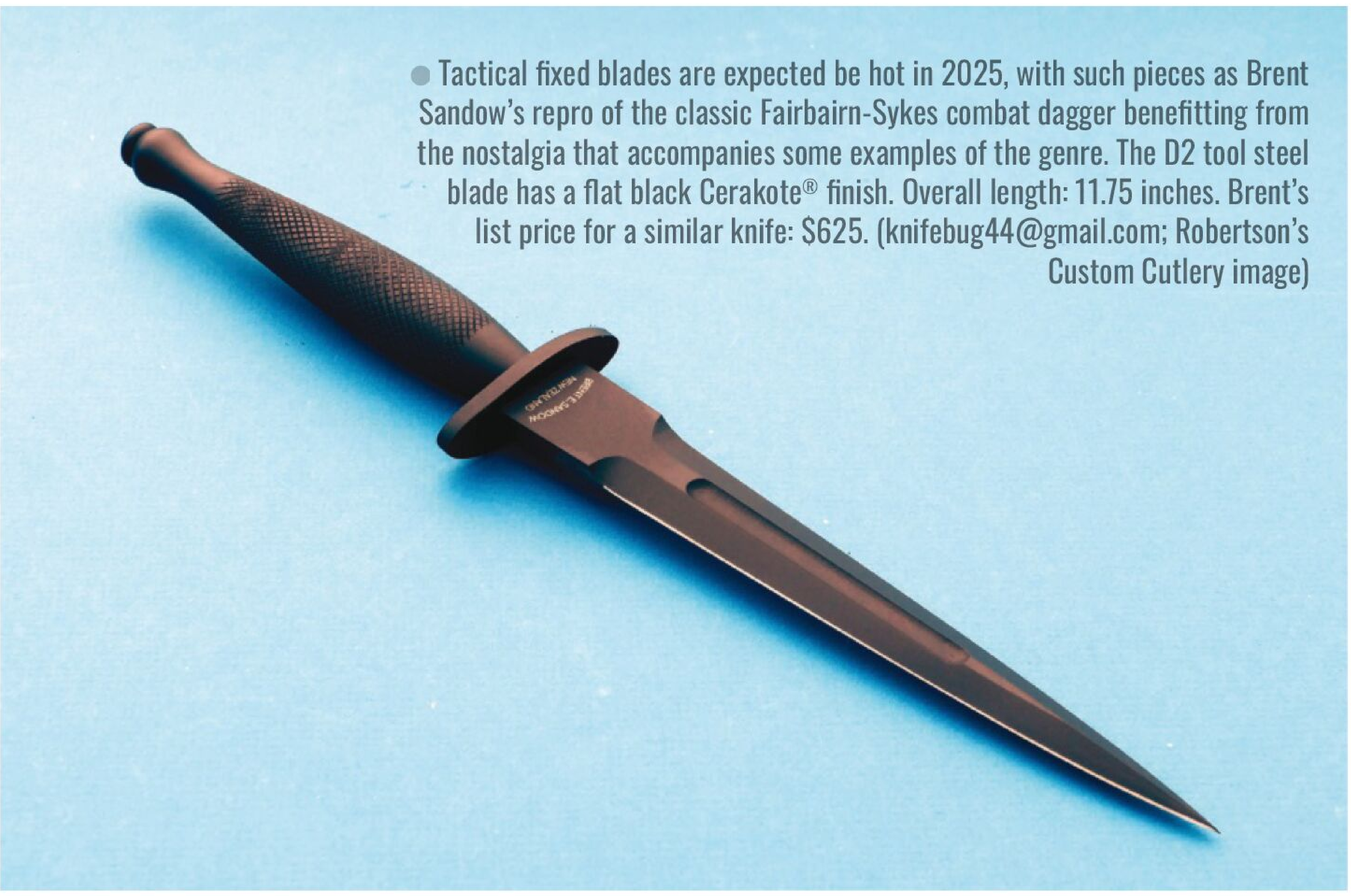
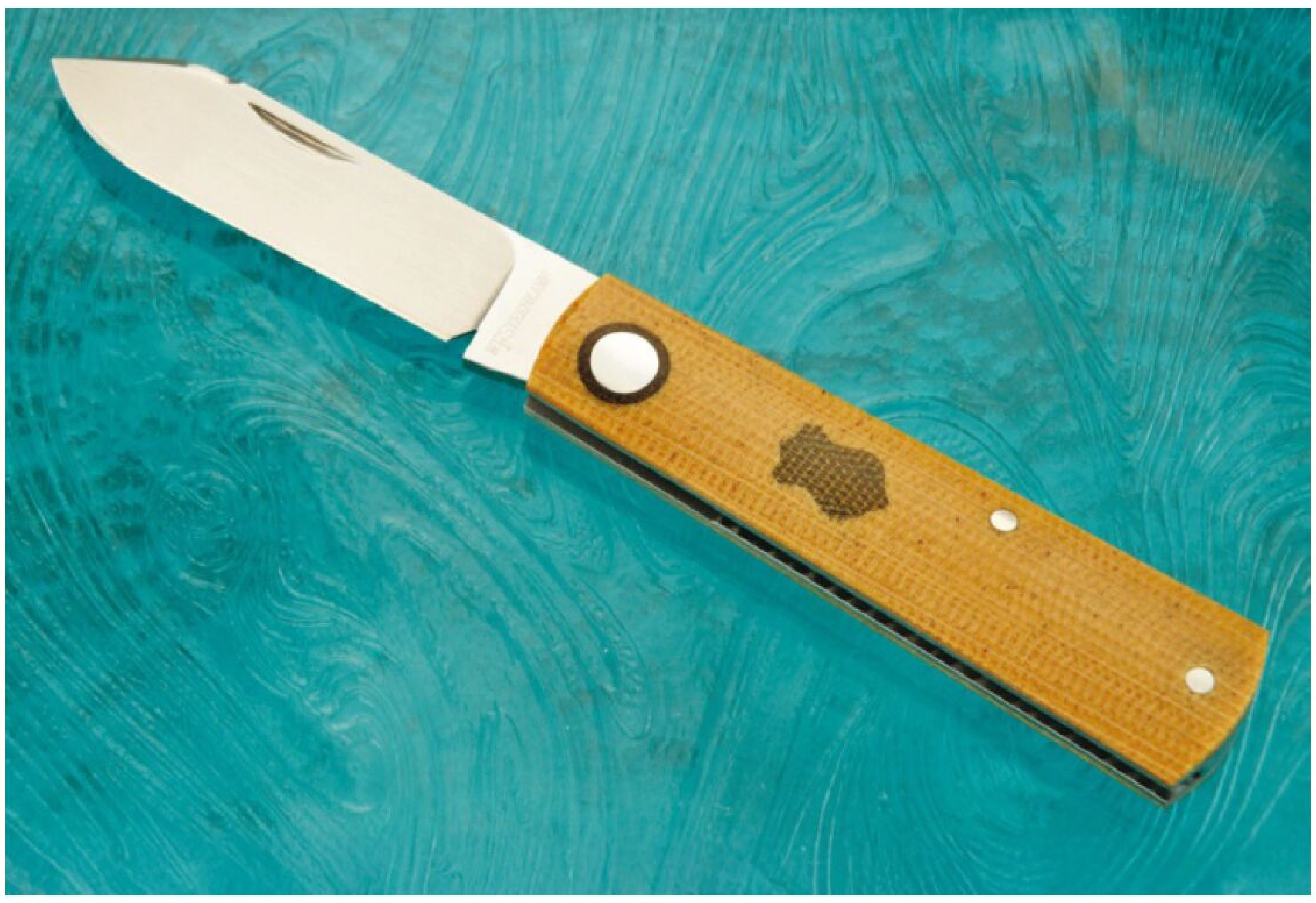


● Tactical fixed blades are expected be hot in 2025, with such pieces as Brent Sandow's repro of the classic Fairbairn-Sykes combat dagger benefitting from the nostalgia that accompanies some examples of the genre. The D2 tool steel blade has a flat black Cerakote® finish. Overall length: 11.75 inches. Brent's list price for a similar knife: $625. (knifebug44@gmail.com; Robertson's Custom Cutlery image)



● Willem Steenkamp puts a different twist on the slipjoint trend, outfitting his barlow in burlap Micarta®. According to Daniel O'Malley, Willem's "slippies have enviable consistent action with firm half-stops, making them an old-school knife that will be easy to carry into future years." Approximate closed length: 3.65 inches. (BladeGallery.com image)

ever-changing market. He says that custom slipjoints will remain extremely popular for 2025 and cites the work of South African Willem Steenkamp. "His slippies are some of the best to be found anywhere," Daniel said. "He combines classic designs with modern materials such as Richlite, M390, damascus, and Timascus™."

Along traditional lines in damascus, O'Malley sees staying power. "I expect damascus knives to keep a similar popularity as in previous years," he commented. "What started as a technique for creating a superior quality steel has transcended into an incredible art form. For decades, damascus has been extremely popular due to the aesthetic appeal, and I don't expect that to change anytime soon." JS Stuart Smith provides an excellent example of Daniel's continuing optimism for the fixed blade damascus market with his bowie in a ladder pattern blade and gold leaf carbon fiber and mammoth molar handle.

For BladeGallery.com, forged blades, EDC folders, tactical fixed blades and embellished knives are either holding their ground or prepared to surge ahead in 2025. O'Malley said, "I expect forged blades to continue to get more popular. Easier access to information through the internet and shows like *Forged in Fire* have increased the popularity of the forged knife over stock removal. Customers love the thought of a knife being produced with the same methods that were used hundreds or thousands of years ago.

> "EMBELLISHED KNIVES HAVE BEEN POPULAR, ESPECIALLY BEAUTIFULLY ENGRAVED KNIVES." —DANIEL O'MALLEY

"EDC folders have been very popular for several years, and I don't expect that to change much. People enjoy carrying a knife that is easy to keep on them every day, maximizing its value and using it often. Embellished knives have been popular, especially beautifully engraved knives, while tactical fixed blades have also increased in popularity."

Kitchen knives, says O'Malley, saw a substantial uptick in demand during the COVID-19 pandemic, and their popularity has returned to a stable level in recent years. At the same time, they remain worthy of a good look for those considering a working knife that exhibits beauty and charm. He advises checking out the exceptional kitchen knives by Sam Reed.

Trends in knife styles for 2025 run the gamut from traditional to innovative, with variations on themes and plenty of opportunity to purchase a working tool with an aesthetic flair. Look for the knife styles mentioned herein of quality construction with appropriate prices by reputable makers who specialize in those styles. At the same time, however, watch for makers entering new markets with hot knife styles that show promise and pricing that reflects their market position. Great buys on great knives are out there for those who pay attention and do their homework.

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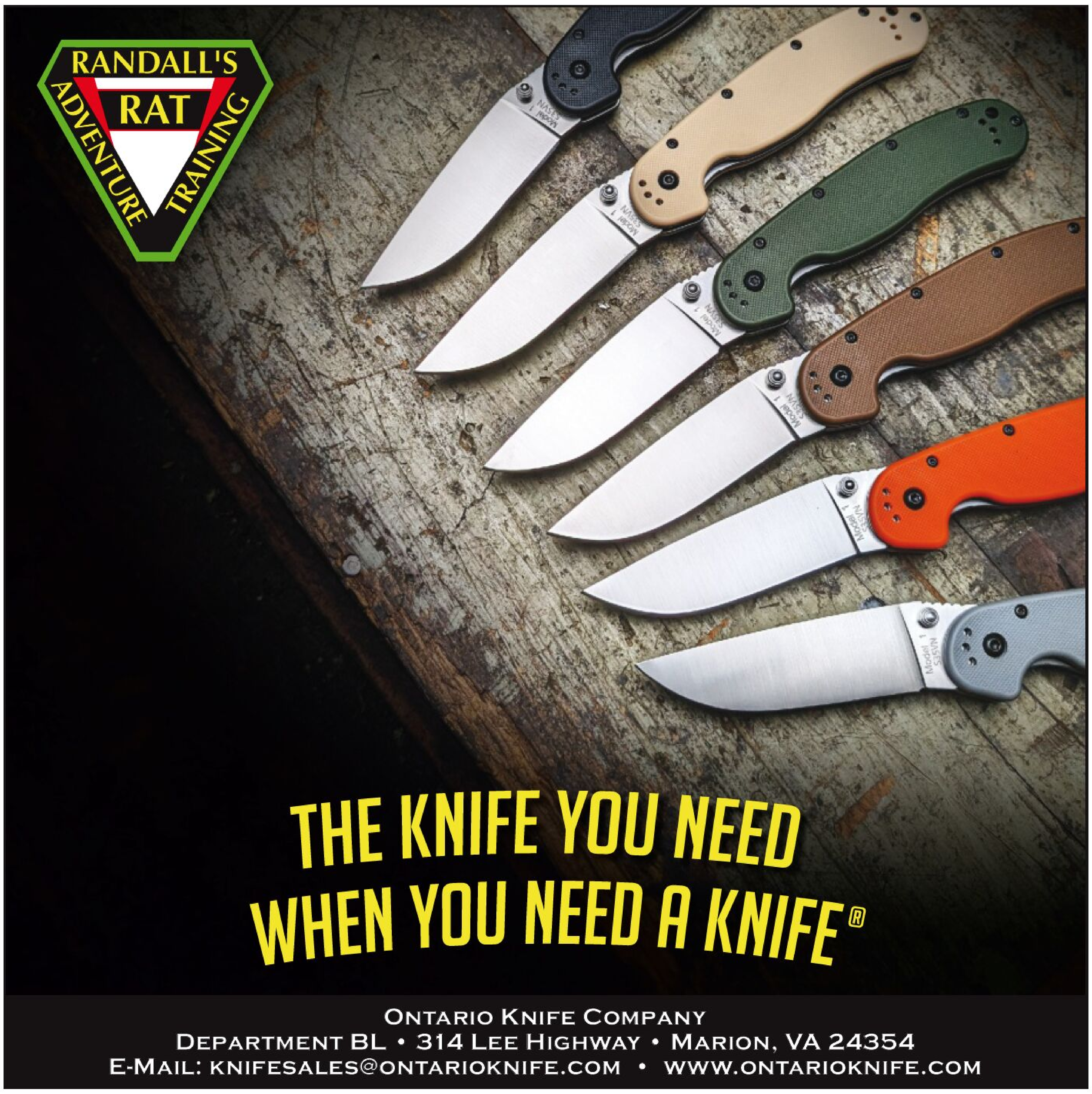

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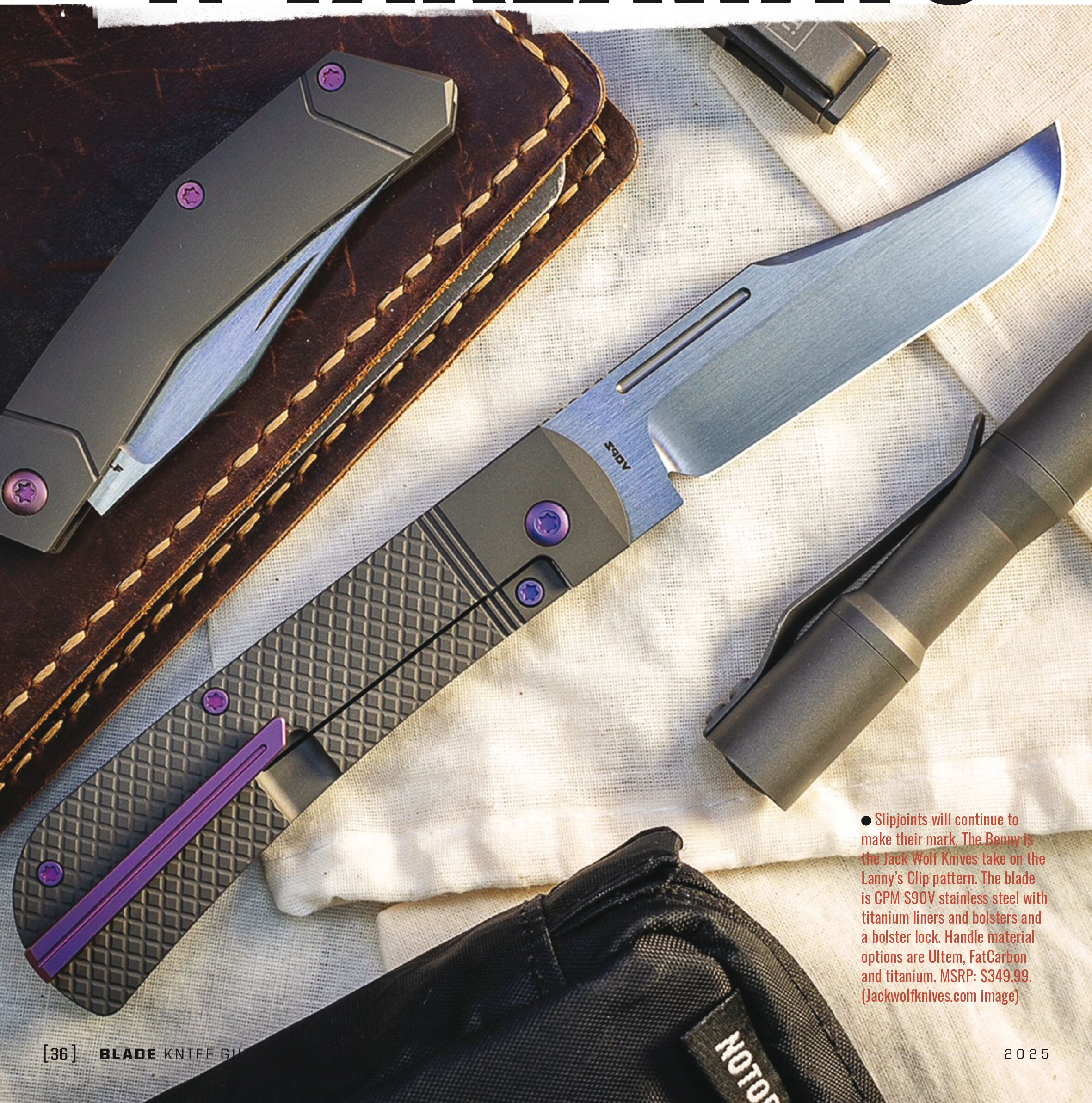


● Slipjoints will continue to make their mark. The Benny is the Jack Wolf Knives take on the Lanny’s Clip pattern. The blade is CPM S90V stainless steel with titanium liners and bolsters and a bolster lock. Handle material options are Ultem, FatCarbon and titanium. MSRP: $349.99. (Jackwolfknives.com image)

Fixed-blade EDCs, autos, budget-oriented folders and more will rule the roost

With a new year comes new opportunities, new adventures and, yes, new materials, new designs and renewed excitement in factory knives. Twenty-twenty-five is certainly no different, and it looks like a more exciting year than its predecessor.

"Fixed blades will continue to be popular, especially with the bushcraft market," says Jeff Loffer owner/founder of long-time knife retailer Cutlery Shoppe in Meridian, Idaho. Nonetheless, he indicates folders will continue to outpace fixed blades sales wise as they are easier to discreetly carry, with models such as the Benchmade PSK Axis Lock setting a new standard on the upscale side. The PSK is aimed at the outdoor crowd for bushcraft or camping. Designed by Bill McHenry and Jay Williams, the Axis Lock was the first of the crossbar locks to appear on the market, is ambidextrous, easy to operate and holds the blade open rock solid.

Brady Miller, owner of knife retailer Monkey Edge in Mesa, Arizona, counters Jeff's assertion. "I would be hard pressed to definitively make that call," Brady says. "However, I think we will see a greater uptick in fixed-blade growth compared to folders." Miller cites the Winkler Knives SD-1 and SD-2 models as well as the RMJ Tactical Sparrow and Unmei as popular choices for customers looking for a fixed-blade EDC. The Unmei is a Japanese kwaiken design with a 4-inch CPM MagnaCut stainless steel blade and 3D-machined G-10 scales in various colors. It comes with an inside-the-waistband Kydex sheath that allows discreet, comfortable carry. MSRP: $265.

"In my opinion, factory folders will always have the lead over fixed blades in general," states Matt Salazar, general manager of House of Blades retail knife store in Fort Worth, Texas. "They are easier to conceal and,

● According to Cutlery Shoppe's Jeff Loffer, the Benchmade PSK Axis Lock folder sets a new standard for upscale factory folders. It has a 3.5-inch drop point blade of CPM MagnaCut stainless steel, along with handle material options of gray or OD green G-10 for lightweight and durability. (image by the author)

● A leading example of a fixed-blade EDC, the SD-2 boasts a 3.25-inch trailing-point blade of 80CrV2 carbon steel. A workhorse of the Winkler Knives line, it comes with handle options of stabilized hardwood or G-10. MSRP: $295. Sheath options include leather and lined Boltaron, each with a spring steel belt clip. (Jerry Sarkody image)

> "WE HAVE NOTICED A HUGE INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR EDC FIXED BLADES."
> —BRADY MILLER

"DAVID ANDERSON SAYS BUDGED-ORIENTED FOLDERS WITH THE CROSSLOCK AND OTHER NEW LOCKS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HOT SELLERS."

● Dmitry Sinkevich designed the Oligarch for pure work, and it his first collaboration with Pro-Tech. The sheepsfoot blade is CPM MagnaCut stainless steel and the handle is machined aluminum. MSRP: $400.

most importantly, brands prioritize folders over fixed blades in their lineups." For the same reasons, David Anderson, digital/marketing manager of knife retailer KnifeCenter in Fredericksburg, Virginia, agrees that folders will continue to outsell fixed blades as well.

HOT KNIFE TYPES

"We have noticed a huge increase in demand for EDC fixed blades," Miller notes of the smaller models with good carry options, reiterating the Winkler SD-1 and SD-2 as great examples. Loffer indicates that value folders continue to be great sellers and extremely sought after, as they are highly affordable. "We are seeing growth in the mid-price-knives such as the Benchmade Water Series, specifically the Adira and Mini Adira models," he says. The new AXIS Lock folders come in 3.2- and 3.8-inch MagnaCut blades. The knives cut bait and fishing line and are for general use in and around water. Respective MSRPs for the Mini Adira and Adira are $230 and $250.

Anderson says budged-oriented folders with the crosslock and other new locks will continue to be hot sellers. The Kizer Drop Bear folder has a 2.9-inch drop point blade in steel choices of 154CM, LC200N, CPM S45VN, ELMAX, 20CV and Damasteel damascus. Handle options are aluminum, Micarta®, titanium and FatCarbon. The lock is what Kizer calls the Clutch Lock, basically a crossbar lock that is rock solid and easy to operate. MSRPs start at $158 and end at $499, depending on handle and blade steel options.

Salazar and Loffer add that Benchmade will continue to be a hot-selling brand in 2025. "The past couple of years, Benchmade has really been ahead of all the other knife companies when it comes to new models coming out," Salazar opines, pointing to the Bugout model and all its variants as an especially brisk mover.

SLIPPY KI-YAY!

According to Anderson, slipjoints will be "slightly more popular" due to their steadily escalating allure. He cites The Benny by Jack Wolf Knives as a leading example. Loffer gives the genre an added spin.

"Slipjoints aren't going anywhere. They are a part of our knife culture and many of us used them as youngsters, and remember our fathers and grandfathers carrying them," he observes, adding that slipjoints in modern materials are the rage now. Specifically, the Jack Wolf Knives models that bridge the gap between traditional slippies and modern EDC folders are in demand. According to Loffer, they are the market leader in the category.

Miller says slipjoints are less popular at Monkey's Edge. "As the big tactical boom of the past

● David Anderson said the Dogwood Custom Knives/Ethan Becker Joy Of Cooking *santoku* is a hot seller for KnifeCenter. The chef's knife has an 8-inch blade of CPM S35VN stainless steel and a handle of Micarta® or G-10 for enhanced durability. MSRP: $200.

Joy of Cooking
S35VN

10-to-15 years started to wane, we saw an uptick in modernized slipjoints from tactical makers," he begins. "However, it seems that the novelty has worn off as most of our customers tend to want one or two for the novelty."

Salazar offers a different viewpoint. "Slipjoints seem to continually ride a wave of being popular and then lose some traction within relatively short spans of time," he states. Most of his customers want locking blades when it comes to folders. "While slipjoint collectors are diehards, they're a drop in the bucket compared to those into locking folders," Salazar observes.

CHEF'S SURPRISE

"We do very little with chef's knives unless one of the makers we work with happens to produce one," Miller states, though admitting Monkey Edge has had good success with the Osprey 9 from RMJ Tactical. "RMJ has a unique take on the chef's knife being a camp kitchen knife hybrid," Brady observes. The Osprey 9 features a *santoku*-style blade of Sandvik 14C28N stainless.

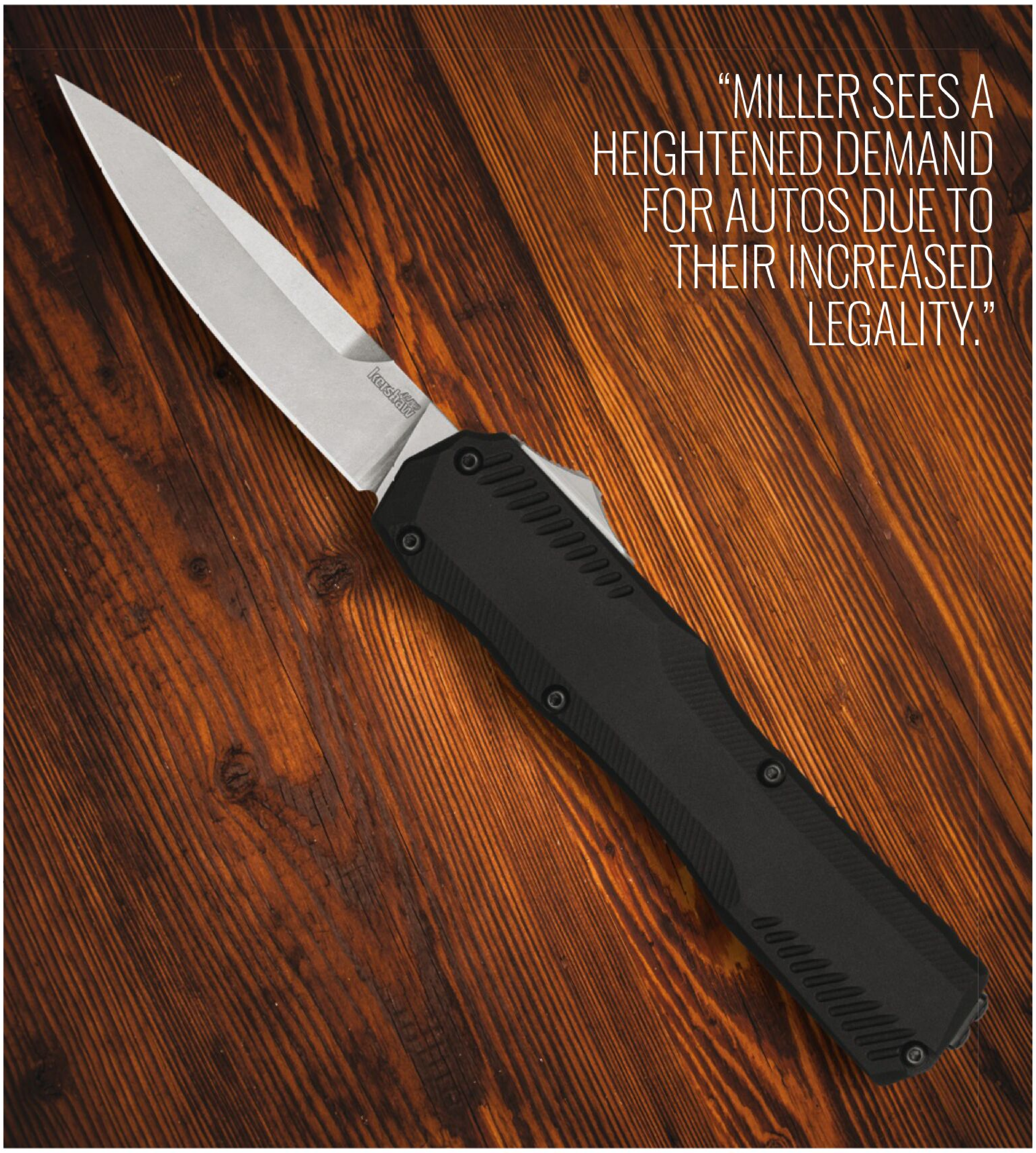
"Chef's knives and quality kitchen knives should remain popular due in part to the increased expense of restaurant dining, and among those wanting healthier [eating] options," Loffer opines. It's easy to understand why chef's knives had a surge in popularity during the pandemic because more people opted to cook at home as opposed to eating or even ordering out. Not surprisingly then, Salazar said sales for kitchen knives leveled off at the end of 2023. "I guess 2025 will be another plateau year for kitchen knives, with a slight chance to pick up," he predicts. Anderson says the Dogwood Custom Knives/Ethan Becker Joy of Cooking santoku collaboration is a popular seller for KnifeCenter.

EDC FORECAST

Anderson foresees EDC folders perhaps being slightly less popular than they were. "EDC has exploded in recent years and people may be ready for more niche things," he states. "Spyderco's value line will continue to serve an EDC need, especially the C122 Tenacious and C136 Ambitious," Loffer comments. The knives offer genuine Spyderco designs and ergonomics and are made in China, resulting in bang-for-the-buck cutting tools. Blades are 8Cr13MoV stainless and handles are G-10. MSRPs: $86 for the Tenacious and $75 for the Ambitious.

Conversely, Miller says EDC knives will become even more popular. "More and more people have been turned on to knives thanks to things like *Forged in Fire*," he remarks. "In addition, the stigma of 'a guy carrying a knife' being a nutcase has greatly decreased." He says Monkey Edge is seeing rising numbers of customers outside of the typical knife guy demographic buying knives for EDC. "Blogs that used to cater to the tech and gadget side of things are now featuring knives," he offers.

Miller says the Chris Reeve Sebenza remains a popular choice for EDC. The Sebenza has long been the standard by which others are judged, with its impeccable quality and precision—use of high-end materials like titanium for the handle and MagnaCut for the blade, all crafted into an outstanding locking folder with aerospace tolerances. "Well-made EDC knives will keep corner-



"MILLER SEES A HEIGHTENED DEMAND FOR AUTOS DUE TO THEIR INCREASED LEGALITY."

● Autos will be hot in 2025, and David Anderson says the Kershaw Livewire is a sizzler. The dual-action OTF has a 3.3-inch bayonet-style blade of MagnaCut stainless steel. MSRP: $380.

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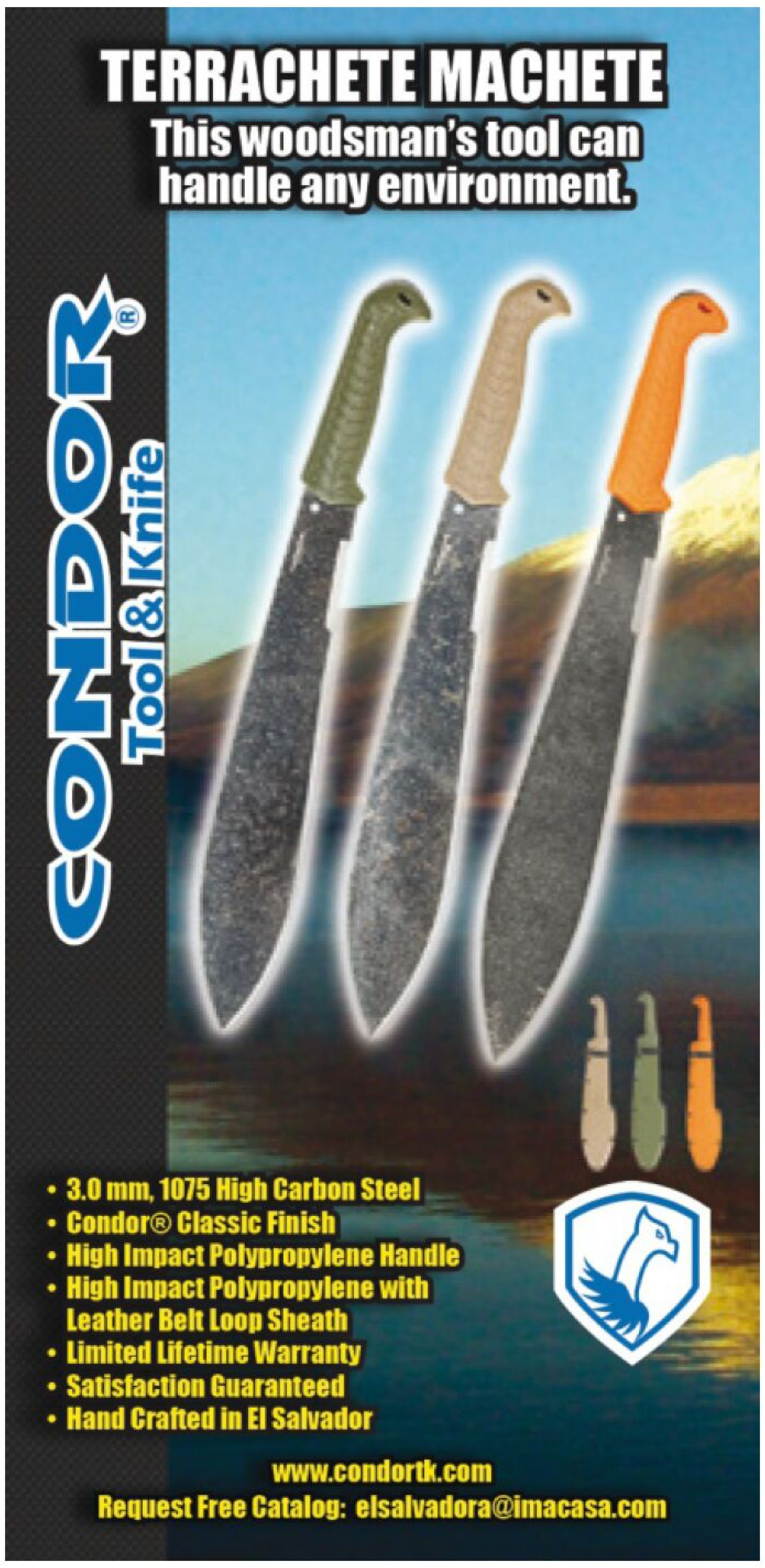
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ing this market,” Salazar states, citing specifically the Spyderco Para2 (MSRP $265), Para3 (MSRP $250) and Shaman (MSRP $360) as instructive examples. “The fact there are so many aftermarket parts available, it keeps what is considered an ‘older’ model still intriguing to people just getting into knives,” he notes.

AUTOS ALL OUT!

Miller sees a heightened demand for autos due to their increased legality, with both knife and non-knife folks looking to buy their first one, or collectors getting more into the knives. “With our more curated approach, we only carry autos from Pro-Tech and Heretic, both of which have seen increased sales numbers,” he states. Loffer echoes Miller's observation about autos enjoying climbing popularity due to becoming legal in more states. “In the premium market, the Pro-Tech Oligarch is a new model to watch, as are the Benchmade Shootout series of OTFs,” Loffer says. The Shootout is Benchmade's first OTF using a molded Grivory handle, making the knife lightweight yet durable. The blade is ultra-tough CPM CRUWEAR tool steel for excellent impact resistance and edge holding. MSRPs start at $325.

Anderson says the Kershaw Livewire is another hot auto, and that autos' slight increase in popularity may be due to an increase in market selection. “We are in Texas; it's hard to see a future where automatics are not consistently one of our best-selling knife types,” Salazar says, adding, “Microtech has re-engineered the internals of their flagship Ultratech model. Once the knives become available to the public, they will no doubt be a hit.” The Ultratech features Microtech's new Dual Fuel Drivetrain system incorporating two springs to allow the actuation force of the sliding button to decrease without impacting the speed of the blade's travel in and out of the handle. MSRP: to be determined.

WHERE TO, TACTICAL?

“While there will always be a market for tactical-type knives, the market is extremely crowded,” Loffer observes. “It seems new companies are coming into the market weekly.” Miller agrees and adds that the definition of tactical continues to evolve. “Due to the past 20-plus years we have been in what I call the ‘Fallujah era,’ which really drove the demand for beefy, rugged knives and tools that people could attach to their vests or put in a bail-out bag. We are now in what I have been calling the James Bond era of tactical,” he explains. By this he means people have been desiring knives that could be carried more discreetly and covertly. He also says there's an increase of consumer interest in tomahawks, citing the popularity of the *Terminal List* TV show and books by author Jack Carr in which hawk use is portrayed.

Meanwhile, Anderson offered that the

popularity of tactical knives in 2025 will be "about the same," with Miller and Loffer pretty much in agreement.

POST COVID ERA

"The knife market has changed drastically since COVID," Miller begins. "The number of high-quality knives available has increased dramatically." China is no longer a source for cheap or inexpensive knives but rather high-end, very high-quality knives. "I see trends going in favor of brands that can differentiate themselves and make a more compelling marketing push than 'it's high quality,'" he observes. Loffer is in full agreement. "Value for the money spent will be the focus going forward," he states, with the cost of knives rising like everything else in daily life.

EXITING TRENDS

What about current trends that might be making for the exits? "I think the chunky tactical folder genre will continue to decrease," Miller says. "In addition, I feel we will see far fewer new products as the makers adjust to the new realities and a world where it takes knives more distinctive than ever to stand out."

Salazar isn't particularly a fan of a certain trend that has been around the tactical knife genre for quite a few years—where manufacturers add a "new" model to their lineups, using a different blade steel and/or handle material. "That's always seemed like a somewhat lazy business model," he comments. "When customers come into our shop, 90 percent of the time they start off by asking, 'What's something new and interesting?' Manufacturers like to create variants of popular models this way and there is nothing wrong with that. Just don't call it a 'new knife.'"

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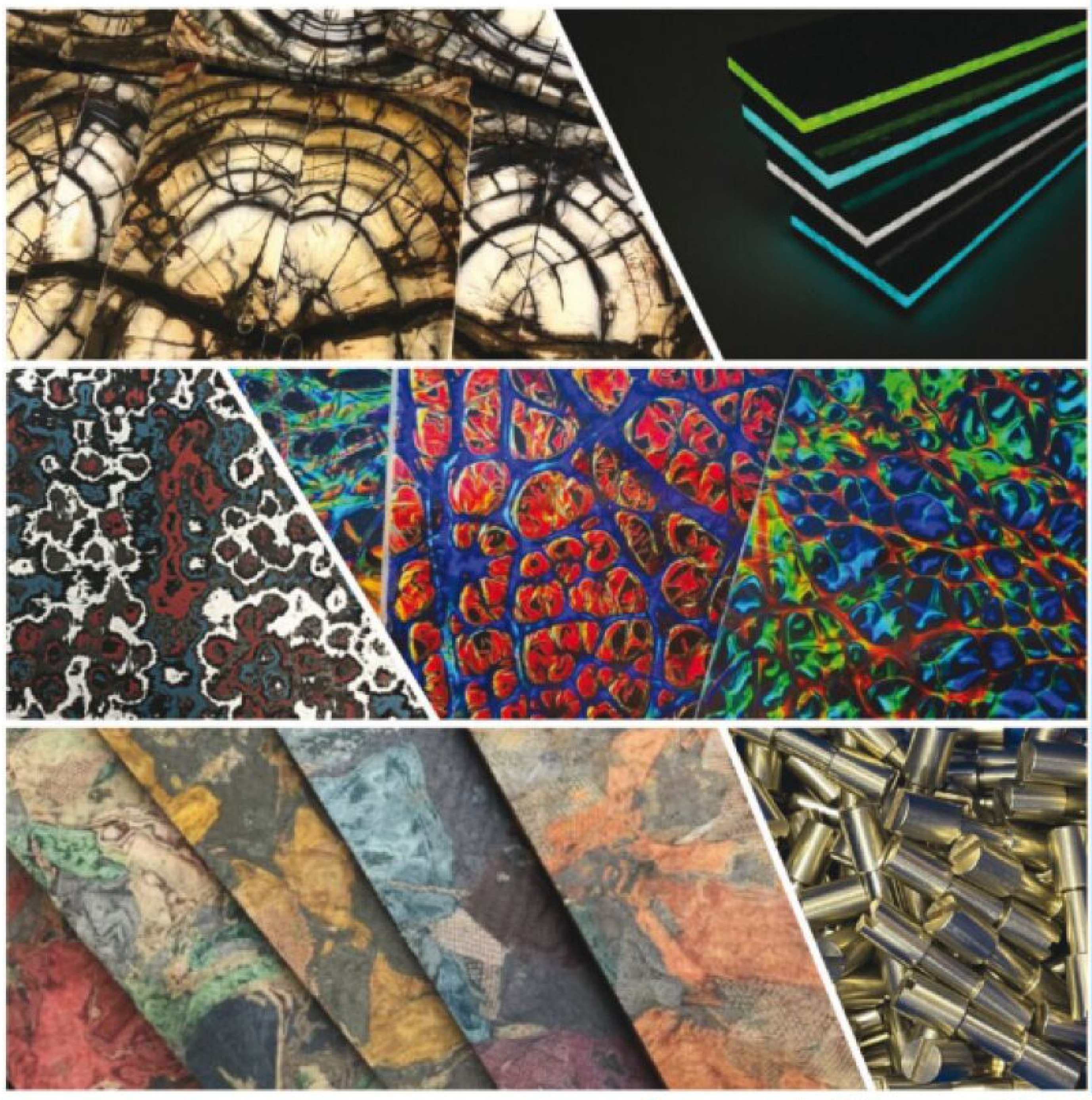

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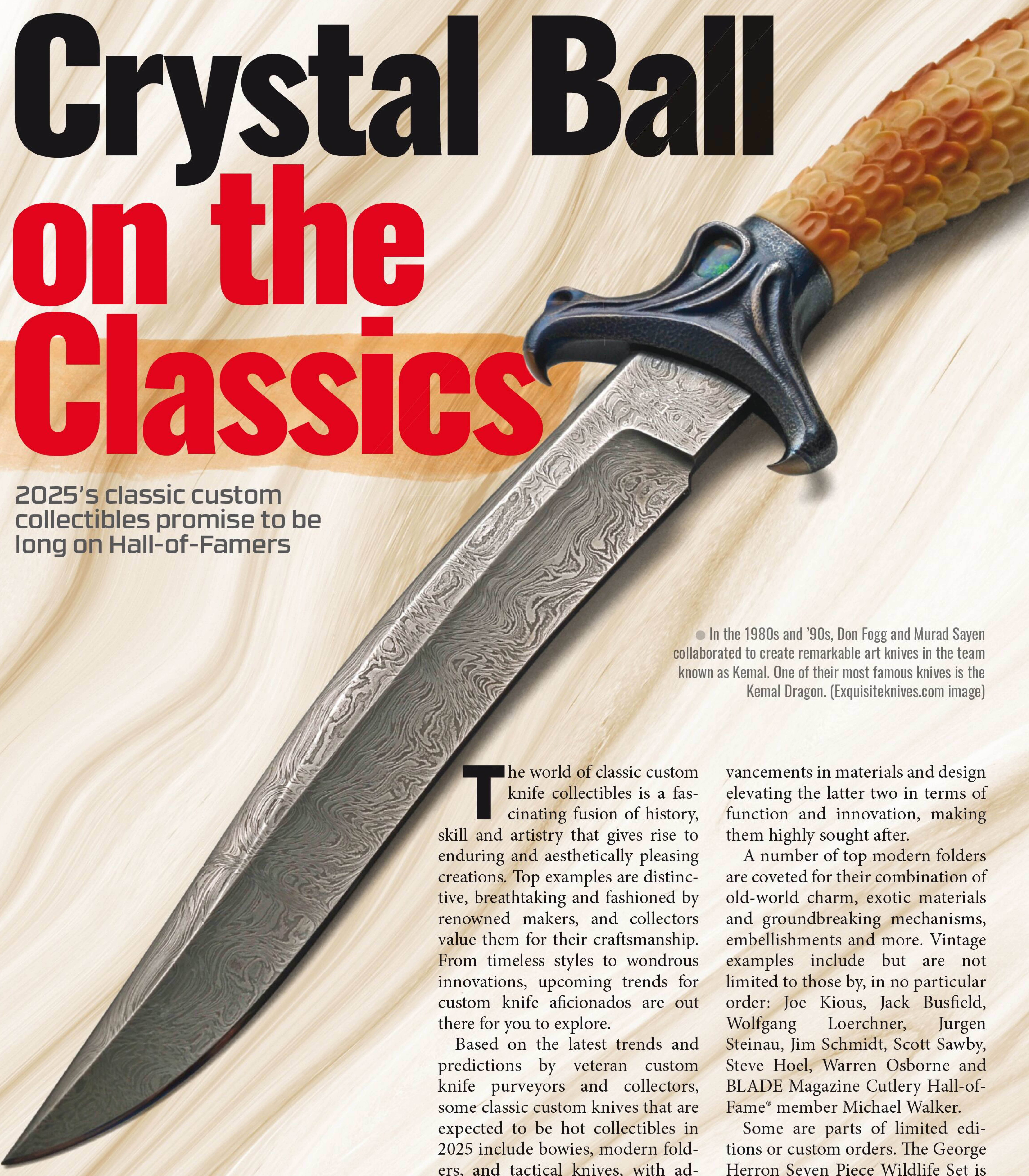
Crystal Ball on the Classics

2025's classic custom collectibles promise to be long on Hall-of-Famers



In the 1980s and '90s, Don Fogg and Murad Sayen collaborated to create remarkable art knives in the team known as Kemal. One of their most famous knives is the Kemal Dragon. (Exquisiteknives.com image)

The world of classic custom knife collectibles is a fascinating fusion of history, skill and artistry that gives rise to enduring and aesthetically pleasing creations. Top examples are distinctive, breathtaking and fashioned by renowned makers, and collectors value them for their craftsmanship. From timeless styles to wondrous innovations, upcoming trends for custom knife aficionados are out there for you to explore.

Based on the latest trends and predictions by veteran custom knife purveyors and collectors, some classic custom knives that are expected to be hot collectibles in 2025 include bowies, modern folders, and tactical knives, with advancements in materials and design elevating the latter two in terms of function and innovation, making them highly sought after.

A number of top modern folders are coveted for their combination of old-world charm, exotic materials and groundbreaking mechanisms, embellishments and more. Vintage examples include but are not limited to those by, in no particular order: Joe Kious, Jack Busfield, Wolfgang Loerchner, Jurgen Steinau, Jim Schmidt, Scott Sawby, Steve Hoel, Warren Osborne and BLADE Magazine Cutlery Hall-of-Fame® member Michael Walker.

Some are parts of limited editions or custom orders. The George Herron Seven Piece Wildlife Set is

known for its intricate scrimshaw work by Sandra Brady, making it a must-have for serious collectors. The Jimmy Lile #7 and #8 Combo includes two of Lile's favorite designs. Another noteworthy piece is the George Herron Custom 40th Anniversary "Pipe Smoker" Hunter, featuring detailed scrimshaw work. These are but a sample of the impressive and creative collector pieces available.

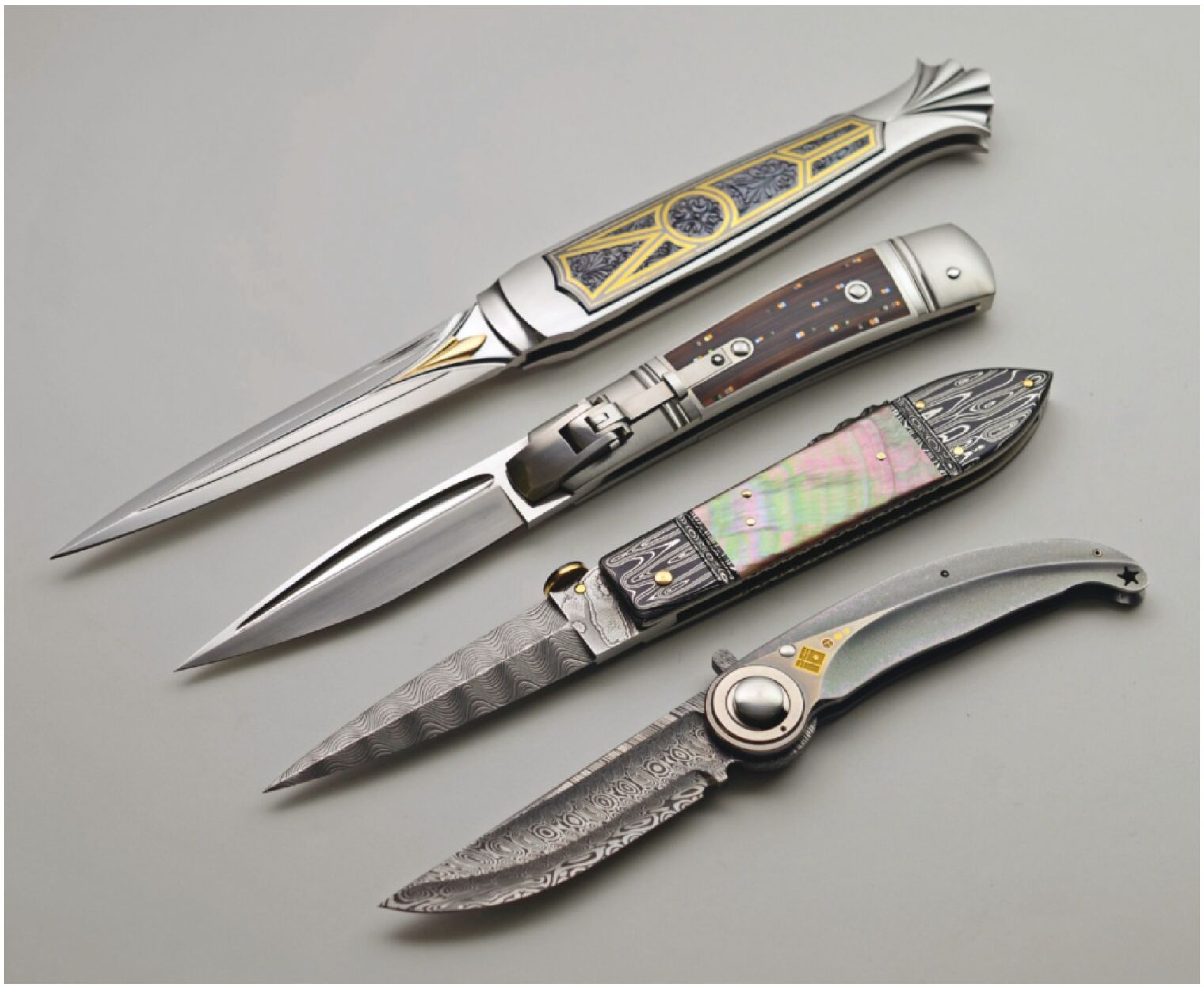
BILL MORAN

Along with Herron and Lile a member of the BLADE Magazine Cutlery Hall of Fame, Bill Moran is a founding member of the American Bladesmith Society and the man who introduced damascus to modern custom knives. The 100th anniversary of the late, great knife pioneer's birth will be May 1, 2025, and his knives look to increase in collectibility in the coming year.

"Mr. Moran's knives are highly sought after by collectors globally, and this year the market is ripening," noted custom knife purveyor Dave Ellis of Exquisiteknives.com. "Bill's use of curly maple and wire inlay is often imitated, and his patterns have become modern classics."

BOB LOVELESS

Cutlery Hall-of-Famer Bob Loveless is always on the must-have list of classic custom knife collectibles. A legendary figure in the knife industry, he is renowned for his innovative designs and contributions to custom knifemaking. He is often referred to as the father of the modern custom knife, and his impact on the industry is profound. Loveless is particularly celebrated for his



● Four of the finest classic modern custom folders in one image you just might ever see, from top: Wolfgang Loerchner AKI folder; Jurgen Steinau Credit Card; Jim Schmidt damascus folder in black-lip mother-of-pearl; and a Michael Walker Button Lock folder with a fullered Persian-style damascus blade. (Exquisiteknives.com image)

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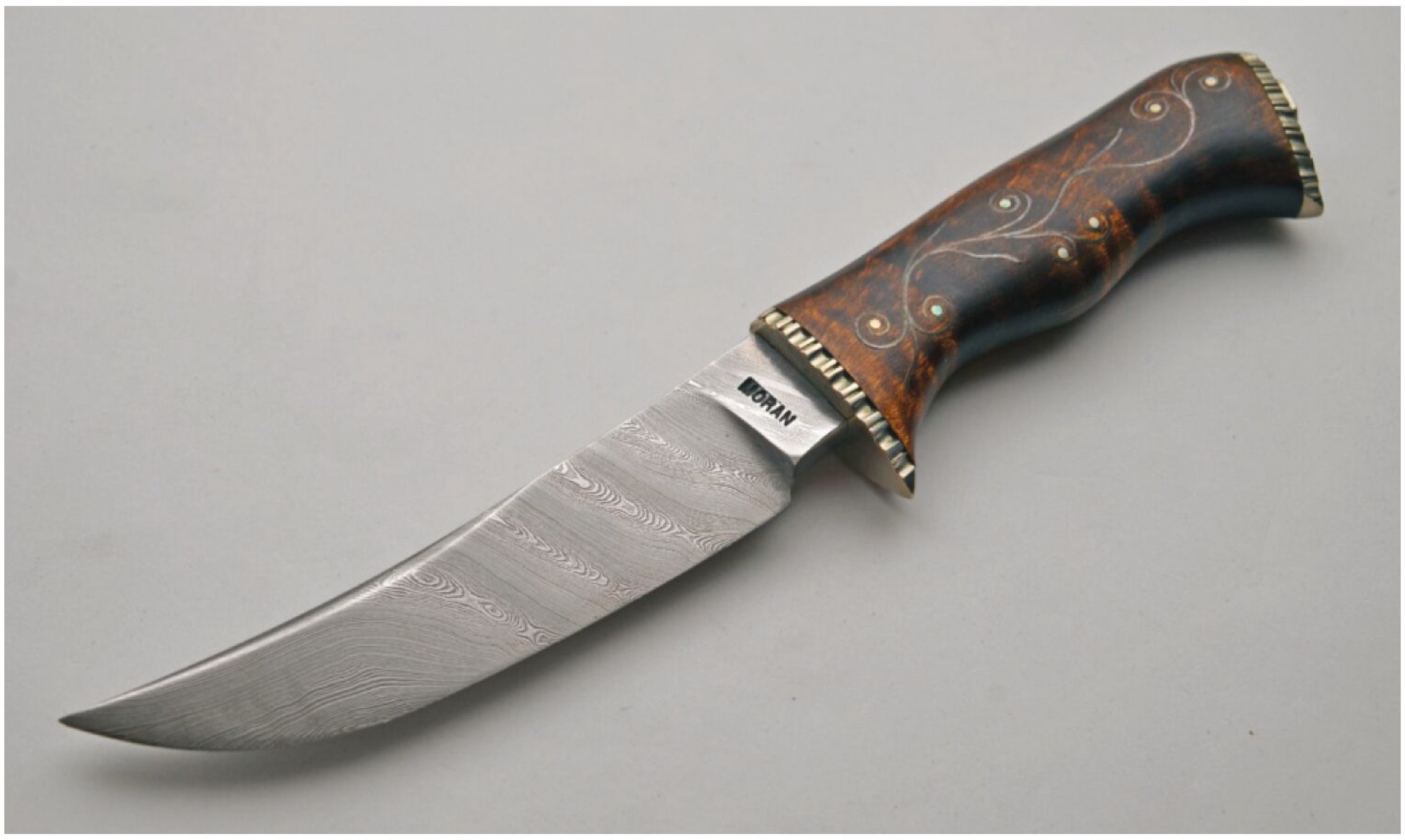

● Bill Moran introduced modern custom cutlery to knives with damascus blades at the 1973 Knifemakers' Guild Show. His hunter features a blade of his maidenhair damascus. (Exquisiteknives.com image)

OSBORNE
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Warren Osborne outfitted his vintage interframe lockback folder in a mother-of-pearl handle and engraving by Ray Cover Jr. (Knifepurveyor.com image)

> “TRENDS POINT TO A GROWING INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF CLASSIC CUSTOM COLLECTIBLES.”

development of the dropped hunter, more popularly known as the drop-point hunter, which is iconic in the world of custom knives. His meticulous craftsmanship and attention to detail have earned him a lasting legacy as one of the most influential figures in custom knife history.

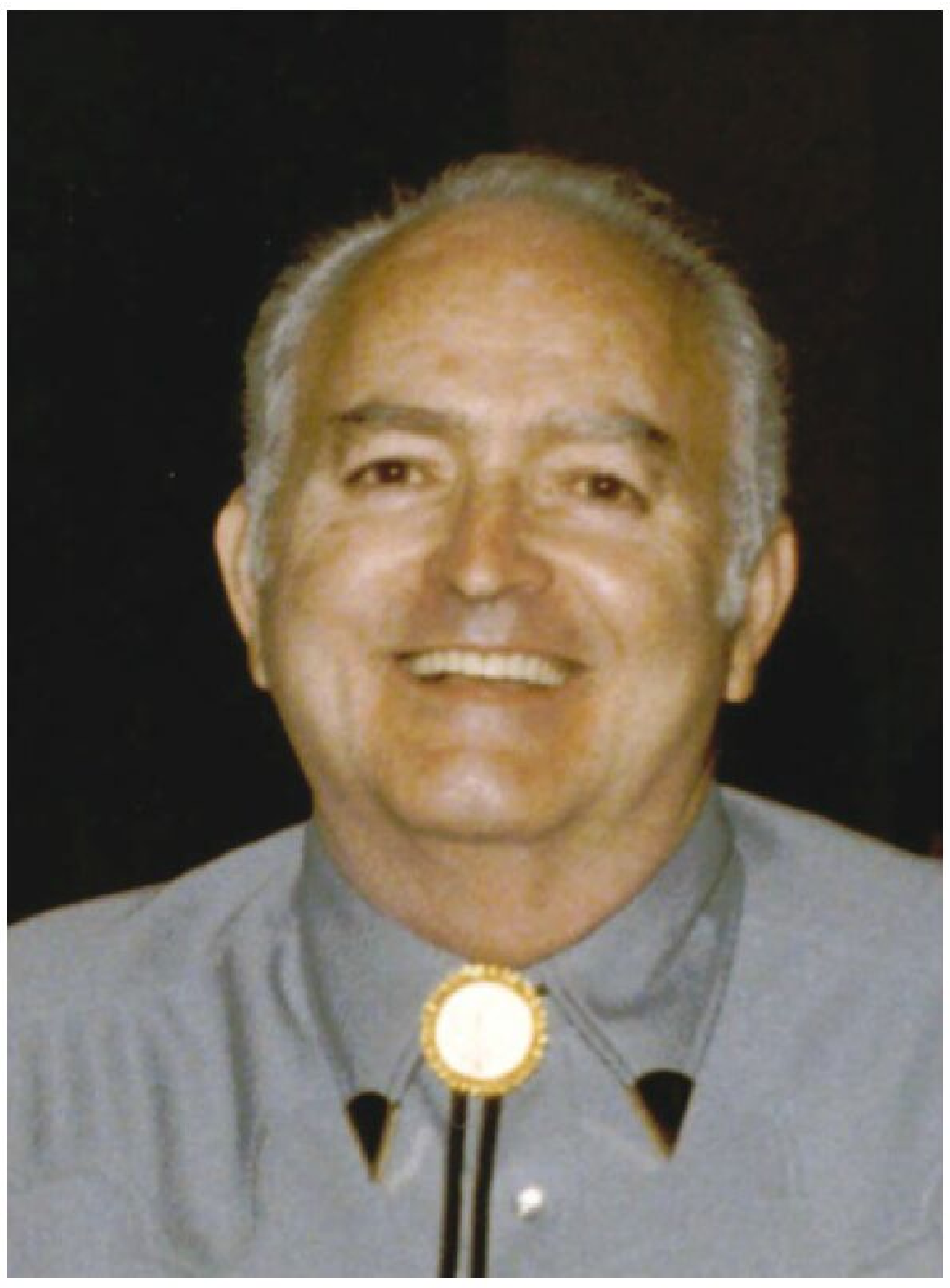
“I have sold over 17 of his pieces so far in 2024 and constantly get inquiries about his work,” Ellis noted. “Loveless knives have always been hot, and astute buyers are picking them up, making a hot market even hotter!”

KEMAL

Kemal Knives was a collaboration between renowned makers Don

A classic lockback interframe by Joe Kious features engraving by Julie Warenski. (Exquisiteknives.com image)

Jim Merritt worked with Bob Loveless and helped Bob make Loveless knives for many years. From top is Jim’s personal set of two 50th anniversary Loveless knives and three Loveless Scandics. (Exquisiteknives.com image)



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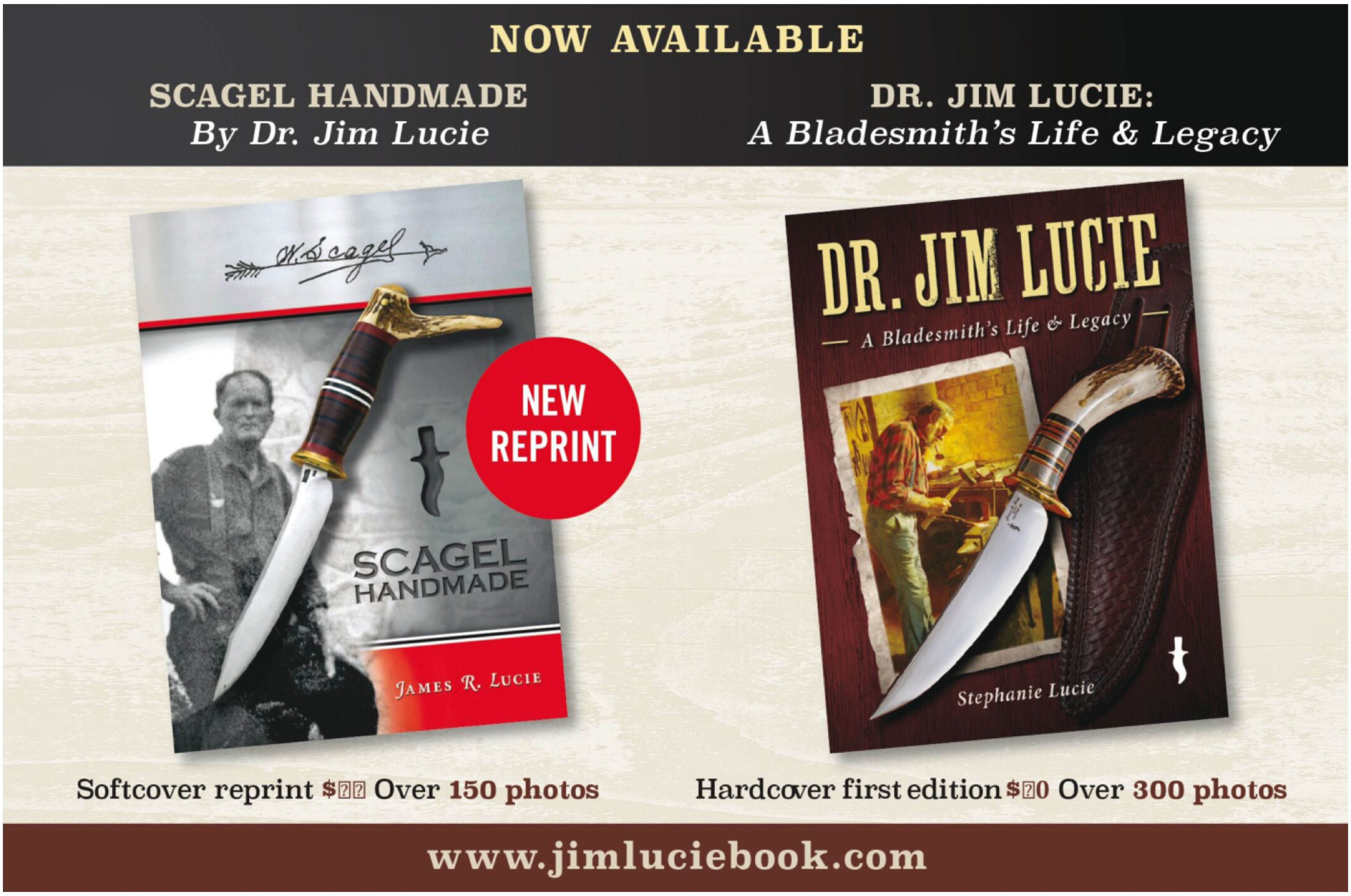
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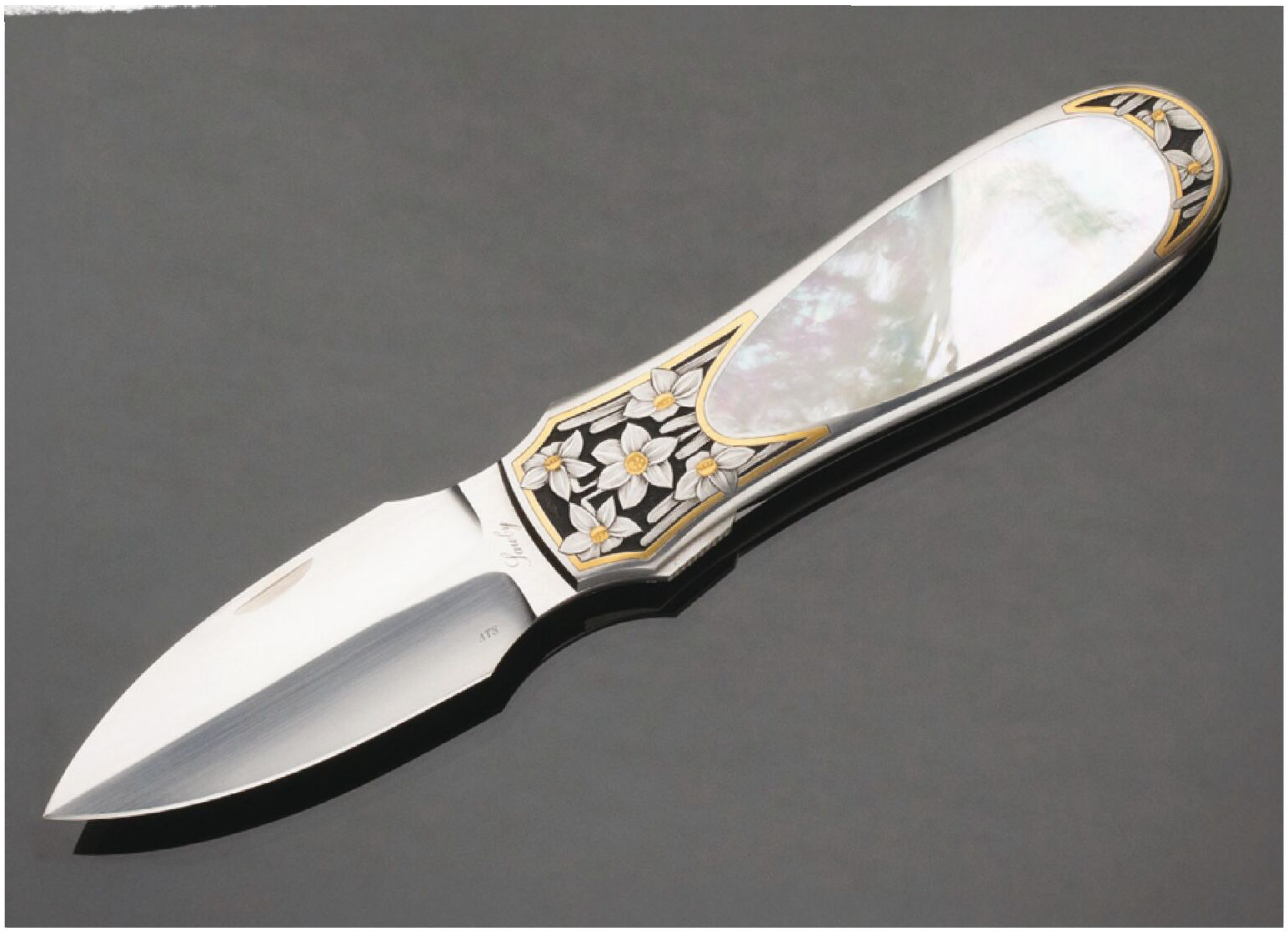

● Scott Sawby's Murrelet Selflock folding interframe dagger boasts mother-of-pearl inlay and engraving by Mrs. Marian Sawby. (Knifepurveyor.com image)

Fogg and Murad Sayen. Inducted into the Cutlery Hall of Fame at BLADE Show 2024, Fogg is a highly respected ABS master smith known for his exceptional craftsmanship and expertise in creating custom knives, as well as being an outstanding teacher of bladesmithing. Murad Sayen is also an accomplished maker of high-quality blades. Together, they combined their skills to create exceptional work under the Kemal Knives name.

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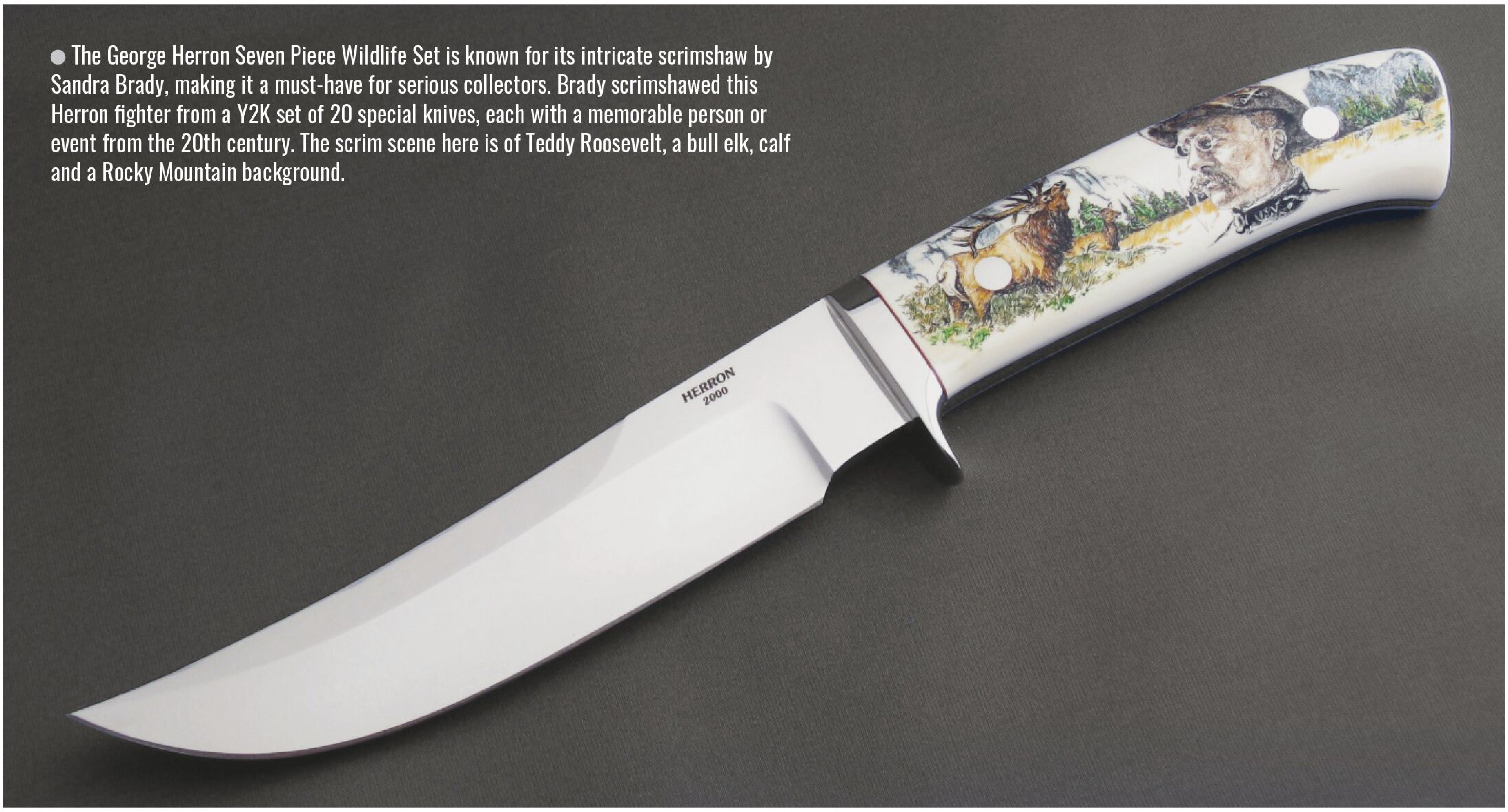
> —DAVE ELLIS

"The Kemal team did not produce a lot of knives," Ellis observed. "The pieces they made rarely appear on the market, as collectors covet their works. I have a few in my personal collection, and every year I get inquiries and offers to buy. So far, I have held out as they are irreplaceable and drop-dead gorgeous! Each piece is collector grade and exhibits the finest of



● The George Herron Seven Piece Wildlife Set is known for its intricate scrimshaw by Sandra Brady, making it a must-have for serious collectors. Brady scrimshawed this Herron fighter from a Y2K set of 20 special knives, each with a memorable person or event from the 20th century. The scrim scene here is of Teddy Roosevelt, a bull elk, calf and a Rocky Mountain background.

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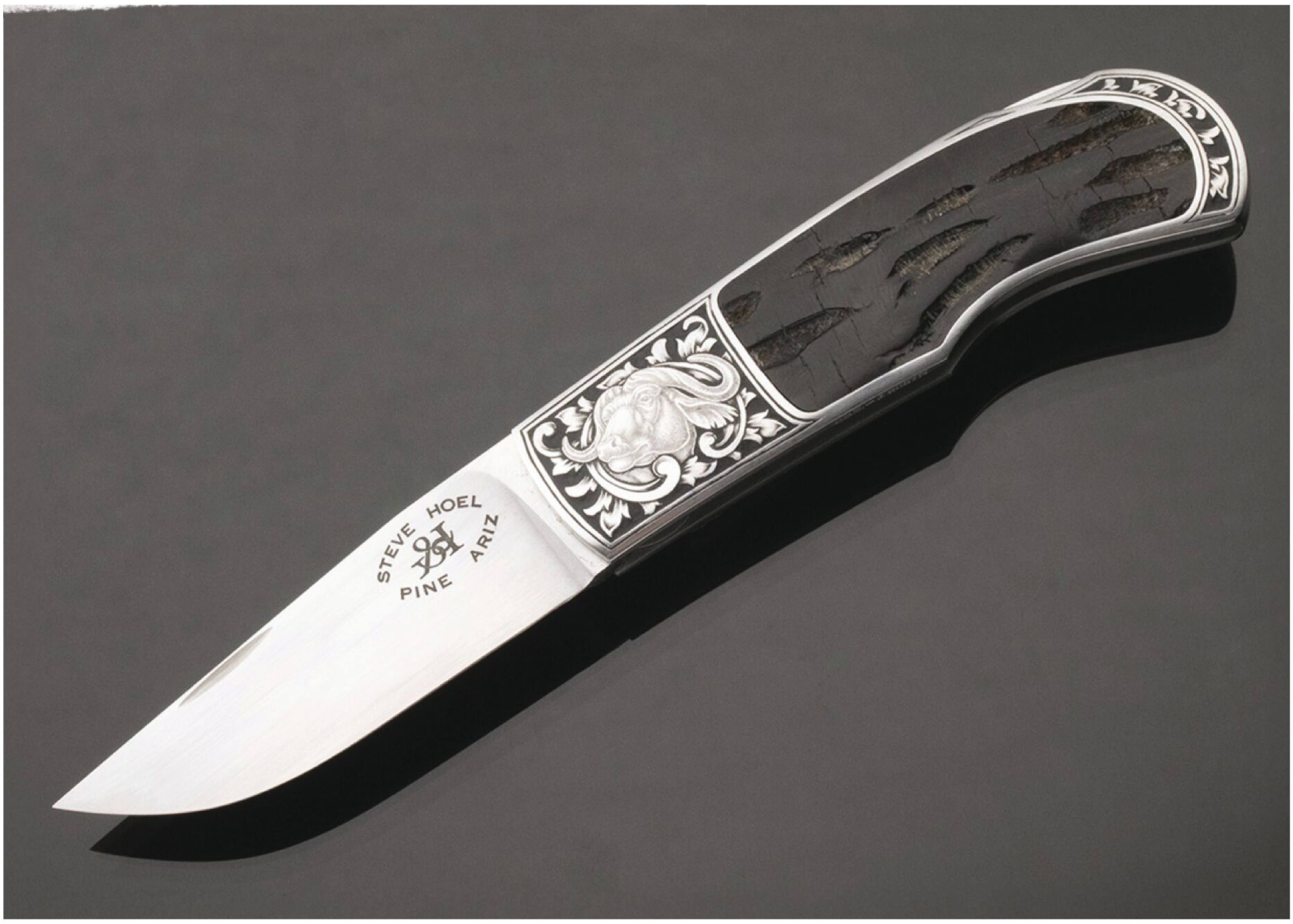
A buffalo horn interframe by Steve Hoel includes engraving by Jon Robyn. (Knifepurveyor.com image)



Inlay of black-lip Tahitian mother-of-pearl and engraving by Franz Marktl highlight Jack Busfield's interframe folder. (Knifepurveyor.com image)

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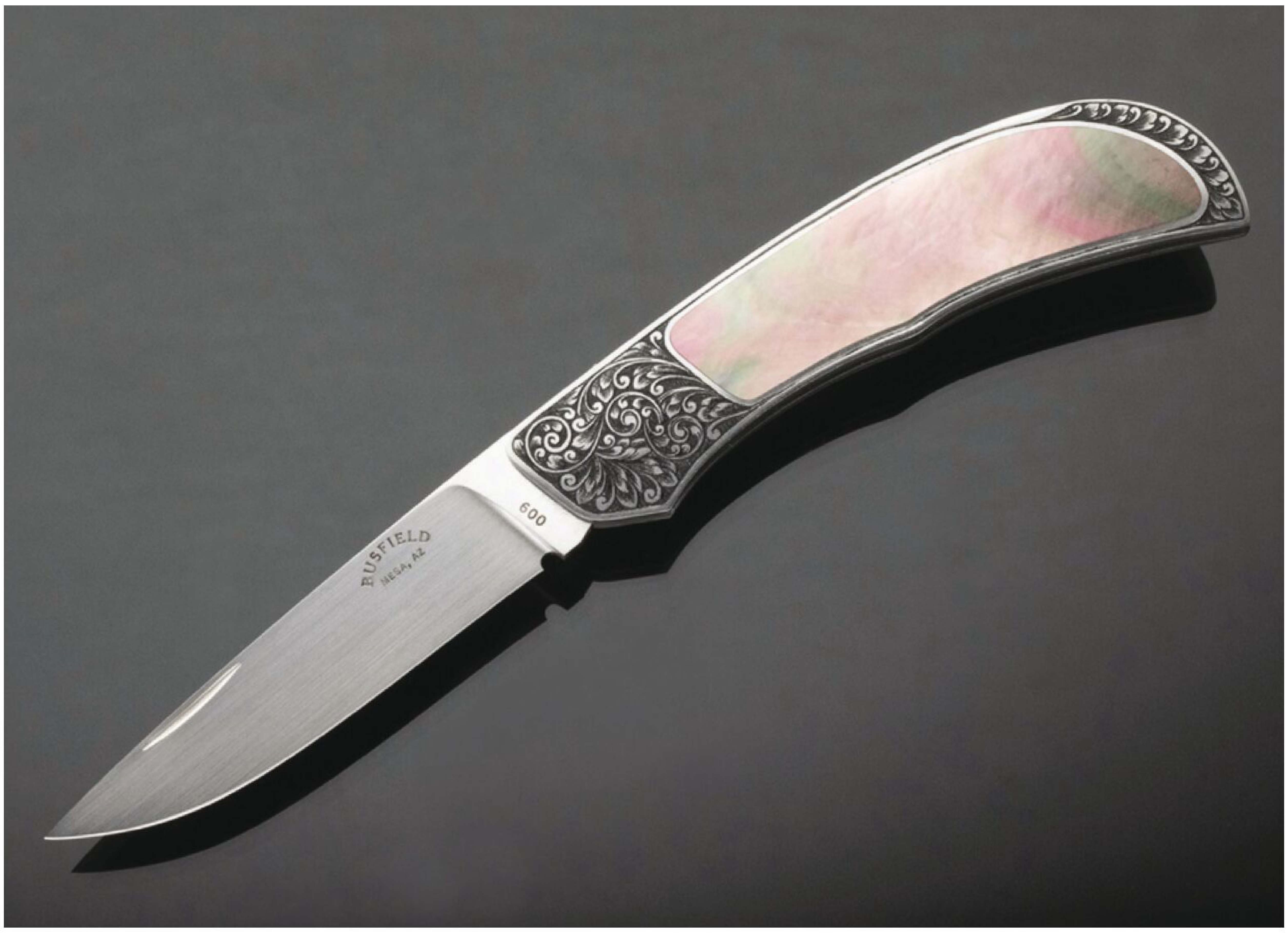

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PREPARE THYSELF

Get ready for an exciting year as trends point to a growing interest in the world of classic custom collectibles. Whether you're a seasoned collector or new to the scene, there's much to look forward to in this romantic, historic and far-ranging field of knife collecting.

The image of the George Herron fighter with scrimshaw by Sandra Brady is courtesy of Jay Mealing.

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Condor Tool & Knife
Crazy Crow Trading Post LLC
Cutco Corporation
Cutlery Shoppe
Damascus USA
Denton, John
EdgeDealer.com
Emerson Knives, Inc.
FAMARS USA
Fifty Fifty Productions
Fort Henry Custom Knives
Fox Knives USA
Fred Eisen Leather & Art Knives
Frost Cutlery Co.
Gerber Legendary Blades/Fiskars
GLOCK, Inc.
Grohmann Knives
H.L. Dalis, Inc.
Helle Norway
House Of Blades
J.T. Knives
Kanetsune c/o Tourmo Intl., LLC
Katz Knives, Inc.
Klecker Knives, LLC Knife City
KnifeHog
KnifeWorks /KnifeWorks.com
Kroll International
KUTMASTER
L.T. Wright Handcrafted Knife Co.
Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.
Lee's Cutlery
Marble Arms
Messermeister
Moore Cutlery
Moteng North America
New Graham Knives
1 Stop Knife Shop
Ontario Knife Co.
Outdoor Edge Cutlery, LLC
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Reddick Enterprises
Doug Ritter Knives & Gear
Riverside Machine
Rockridge Outdoors
RUKO LLC
SARCO Knives LLC
Sarge Knives
Simonich Knives LLC
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
Spartan Blades, LLC
Steel Addiction Custom Knives
Strider Knives
Svord Knives
Swamp Rat Knife Works
Swiss Army Brands Ltd.
SwissBianco USA
Tirdell's Cutlery
Tool Logic Inc. (see SOG Specialty)
TOPS Knives
True North Knives
Two Finger Knife, LLC
UST Brands
Utica USA
Victorinox
White River Knife & Tool
Wicked Edge
WILDSTEER
Wolf's Knives
Zwilling J.A. Henckels LLC

COMMEMORATIVES

A.G. Russell Knives
Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Baron Engraving
Beck's Cutlery & Specialties
Blue Grass Cutlery Corp.
Blue Ridge Knives
Boker USA, Inc.
Brigade Quartermasters
Browning
Buck Knives
Case, W.R., & Sons Cutlery Co.
Coast Cutlery Co.
Collector's Armoury Inc.
Colonial
Damascus U.S.A.
EdgeDealer.com
Egginton Bros. Ltd.
FAMARS USA
Frost Cutlery Co.
Gerber Legendary Blades/Fiskars
House Of Blades
Katz Knives, Inc.
Knife City
Knights Edge Ltd.
KUTMASTER
Lee's Cutlery
Legendary Arms, Inc.
Marble Arms
Morey's Jewelry And Gifts
Norris & Sons
Northstar Associates
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Parkers' Knife Collector Service
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Remington Arms Co.
Shepherd Hills Cutlery
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
Sooner State Knives
Spartan Blades, LLC
Svord Knives
Taylor Brands
Timberline Knives
Tirdell's Cutlery
U.S. Cavalry
Utica USA

DIVING/DECK

Blackie Collins Design
Blue Ridge Knives
Boye Knives
Brigade Quartermasters
Bubba Blade/Fish Tales, LLC
Bud K. Worldwide Inc.
C.A.S. Iberia
EdgeDealer.com
Emerson Knives, Inc.
Gerber Legendary Blades/Fiskars
GPKnives, LLC
House Of Blades
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Kai USA Ltd. (Kershaw)
Karambit.com
Katz Knives, Inc.
Knife City
KnifeHog
Mission Knives
Moteng North America
Ontario Knife Co.
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Puma Knife Co. USA
RUKO LLC
Sooner State Knives
Svord Knives
Timberline Knives
True North Knives
U.S. Cavalry
UST Brands
Utica USA
Wolf's Knives
Wuu Jau Co., Inc.

EXOTIC

Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Blue Ridge Knives
Bugei Trading Co.
Cold Steel, Inc.
Condor Tool & Knife
Cutlery Specialties
EdgeDealer.com
Ek Commando (KA-BAR Knives)
FAMARS USA
Fort Henry Custom Knives
Frost Cutlery Co.
House Of Blades
Kanetsune c/o Tourmo Intl., LLC
Karambit.com
KnifeArt.com
Knife City
Knights Edge Ltd.
Master Cutlery
Morey's Jewelry And Gifts
Moteng North America
Olamic Cutlery
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Pacific Solution Marketing Inc.
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
Svord Knives
True North Knives
U.S. Cavalry

COMBAT/TACTICAL/SURVIVAL/MILITARY

5.11 Tactical
A.G. Russell Knives
Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Al Mar Knives
American Edge
American Military Edged Weaponry Museum
Arizona Custom Knives
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Bark River Knives
Battle Horse Knives
Beck's Cutlery & Specialties
Benchmade Knife Co.
Black Creek Limited
Blackhawk Products Group
Blackie Collins Design
Blade HQ
Blade-Tech Industries
BladeArt.com
BladeGallery.Com
BladeOps, LLC
Blue Ridge Knives
Bradford USA
Bradley Cutlery Co.
Branton Knife Co.
Briar Knives
Brigade Quartermasters
Brous Blades
Browning
Bubba Blade/Fish Tales, LLC
Buck Knives
Bugei Trading Co.
Busse Combat Knife Co.
C.A.S. Iberia

Camillus c/o Acme United Corp.
CampCo, Inc./UZI, Humvee, S&W
Case, W.R. & Sons Cutlery Co.
Chris Reeve Knives
Cold Steel, Inc.
Colonial
CRKT
Combat Elite
Condor Tool & Knife
Crawford Knives
Custom Knife Gallery Of Colorado
Cutlery Shoppe
Cutlery Specialties
Damascus U.S.A.
Denton, John
DPx Gear Inc.
EdgeDealer.com
Egginton Bros. Ltd.
Ek Commando (KA-BAR Knives)
Elite Custom Knives
Emerson Knives, Inc.
Epicurean Edge
ESA
ESEE Knives
Excalibur Cutlery
Extrema Ratio
Extreme Outfitters
Fallkniven
FAMARS USA
Faneema Cutlery
Fazalare International Enterprises
Fifty Fifty Productions
First Edge LLC
Fort Henry Custom Knives
Fox Knives USA
Fred Eisen Leather & Art Knives
Frost Cutlery Co.
Gerber Legendary Blades/Fiskars
GLOCK Inc.
GPKnives, LLC
Grayman Knives
Grohmann Knives
H.L. Dalis, Inc.
Hand Tech Made (HTM) Knives
Hardcore Hardware Australia
Heckler & Koch Inc.
Historic Edged Weaponry
Hogue Knives
House Of Blades
J.T. Knives
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Joy Enterprises–Fury Cutlery
Ka-bar Knives
Kanetsune c/o Tourmo Intl., LLC
Karambit.com
Katz Knives, Inc.
Kizer Inc.
Klecker Knives, LLC
Klotzli
Knife City
Knife Outlet
Knife Store, The
KnifeArt.com
KnifeCenter
KnifeHog
KnifeLegends.com
Knifeology.com
KnifePurveyor.com
KnifeTreasures.com
KnifeWorks /KnifeWorks.com
Knights Edge Ltd.
Kroll International
Krudo Knives
KUTMASTER
Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.
Lee's Cutlery
Legendary Arms, Inc.
Marfione Custom Knives, LLC
Master Cutlery
MAXPEDITION
Medford Knife and Tool
Microtech Knives, Inc.
Midwest Gun Exchange
MIL-TAC
Miltner Adams Company
Mission Knives
Monkey Edge
Moore Cutlery
Morakniv c/o Industrial Revolution
Moteng North America
Museum Replicas Ltd.
Nemesis Knives, LLC
Neptune Trading Inc.
New Graham Knives
Olamic Cutlery
1 Stop Knife Shop
Ontario Knife Co.
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Pacific Solution Marketing Inc.
Piranha Knife Co.
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Pro-Tech Knives, LLC
R. David Knife Co.
Randall Made Knives
RAT WORX, Inc.
Real Avid
Red Horse Knife Works, Inc.
Doug Ritter Knives & Gear
Riverside Machine
Robertson's Custom Cutlery
RUKO LLC
Sarge Knives
Schenk Knives
Schmuckatelli Co.
Simonich Knives LLC
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
SOG Specialty Knives & Tools
Sooner State Knives
Spartan Blades, LLC
Spyderco, Inc.
St. Croix Blades
Stamascus Knifeworks, Inc.
Steel Addiction Custom Knives
Stone River Gear
Steel Will Knives c/o Sports Mfg. Group
Strider Knives
Svord Knives
Swamp Rat Knife Works
Three Sisters Forge, LLC
Timberline Knives
Tirdell's Cutlery
Tool Logic Inc. (see SOG Specialty)
TOPS Knives
True North Knives
Two Finger Knife, LLC
U.S. Cavalry
United Cutlery
UST Brands
Utica USA
Victorinox
White River Knife & Tool
WILDSTEER
Wilson Combat/Wilson Tactical
Winners Circle
Wolf's Knives
Wuu Jau Co., Inc.
XIKAR Inc.

FILLET

Al Mar Knives, Inc.
American Angler
American Edge
Blue Ridge Knives
Boker USA, Inc.
Bradford USA
Browning
Bubba Blade/Fish Tales, LLC
Buck Knives
Case, W. R., & Sons Cutlery Co.
Coast Cutlery Co.
CRKT
Condor Tool & Knife
Cutco Corporation
Damascus U.S.A.
EKA Knives/ProForce Equipment
Faneema Cutlery
Fifty Fifty Productions
Frost Cutlery Co.
Gerber Legendary Blades/Fiskars
GPKnives, LLC
Grohmann Knives
Havalon Knives
Helle Norway
House Of Blades
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Joy Enterprises–Fury Cutlery
Kai USA Ltd. (Kershaw)
Katz Knives, Inc.
Kellam Knives Co.
Knife City
KnifeHog
Knives of Alaska
KUTMASTER
Lamson And Goodnow
Messermeister
Mister Twister, Inc.
Morakniv c/o Industrial Revolution
Moteng North America
Outdoor Edge Cutlery, LLC
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Pietro Rosa Due Buoi Snc.
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Puma Knife Co. USA
Quikut
Randall Made Knives
Rapala
RUKO LLC
SARCO Knives LLC
Sarge Knives
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
Sooner State Knives
Spyderco, Inc.
Svord Knives
SwissBianco USA
Tirdell's Cutlery
Two Finger Knife, LLC
Utica USA
Victorinox
Virginia Blade Inc.
White River Knife & Tool
Wolf's Knives
Zweibrueder/Billy O.
Zwilling J.A. Henckels LLC

HOUSEHOLD CUTLERY/SCISSORS

A.G. Russell Knives
American Edge
Beck's Cutlery & Specialties
Blue Mountain Turquoise
Blue Ridge Knives
Boker USA, Inc.
Bradford USA
Bubba Blade/Fish Tales, LLC
Buck Knives
C.A.D. Cutlery Co.
CampCo, Inc./UZI, Humvee, S&W
Case, W.R., & Sons Cutlery Co.
Classic Cutlery
Consolidated Cutlery Co., Inc.
Cutco Corporation
Cutlery Shoppe
Coutellerie Chambriard
Damascus U.S.A.
Dexter-Russell Inc.
Dovo Scissors
Due Cigni Cutlery
Edgecraft Corp.
Egginton Bros. Ltd.
FAMARS USA
Faneema Cutlery
Fox Knives USA
Grohmann Knives
House Of Blades
Ka-Bar Knives
Kai USA Ltd. (Kershaw)
Kanetsune c/o Tourmo Intl., LLC
Katz Knives, Inc.
Knife City
Knife Outlet
KnifeCenter
KnifeWorks /KnifeWorks.com
Kroll International
KUTMASTER
Lamson and Goodnow
Messermeister
Morakniv c/o Industrial Revolution
Moteng North America
New Graham Knives
Ontario Knife Co.
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Paragon Sports
Parker River Knife Co.
Pietro Rosa Due Buoi Snc.
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Quikut
R. Murphy Co., Inc.
Doug Ritter Knives & Gear
SARCO Knives LLC
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
Sooner State Knives
Spyderco, Inc.
Stamascus Knifeworks, Inc.
Stone River Gear
Stratus Culinary
Svord Knives
Swiss Army Brands Ltd.
The Epicurean Edge
Three Sisters Forge, LLC
Tirdell's Cutlery
Tool Logic Inc. (see SOG Specialty)
Tramontina USA
Utica USA
Victorinox
Winners Circle
Wolf's Knives
Wolff Industries
Wüsthof-Trident of America Inc.
XIKAR Inc.
Zweibrueder/Billy O.
Zwilling J.A. Henckels LLC

HUNTING

A.G. Russell Knives, Inc.
Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Al Mar Knives
Alabama Damascus Steel
American Edge
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Bark River Knives
Battle Horse Knives
Bear & Son Cutlery
Beck's Cutlery & Specialties
Beretta U.S.A. Corp.
Blackie Collins Design
Blade HQ
Blade-Tech
BladeArt.com
BladeGallery.Com
Blue Grass Cutlery Corp.
Blue Ridge Knives
Boker USA, Inc.
Bradford USA
Bradley Cutlery Co.
Briar Knives
Brigade Quartermasters
Browning
Bubba Blade/Fish Tales, LLC
Buck Knives
C.A.S. Iberia
Camillus c/o Acme United Corp.
CampCo, Inc./UZI, Humvee, S&W
Case, W.R., & Sons Cutlery Co.
Chris Reeve Knives
Coast Cutlery Co.
Cold Steel, Inc.
Colonial
CRKT
Condor Tool & Knife
Coutellerie Chambriard
Crawford Knives
Custom Knife Gallery Of Colorado
Cutco Corporation
Cutlery Shoppe
Cutlery Specialties
Damascus U.S.A.

Denton, John
DPx Gear Inc.
EdgeDealer.com
EKA Knives/ProForce Equipment
Elen Hunting & Importing Inc.
Epicurean Edge
Euroknife
Fallkniven
FAMARS USA
Faneema Cutlery
Fifty Fifty Productions
Fort Henry Custom Knives
Fox Knives USA
Fred Eisen Leather & Art Knives
Frost Cutlery Co.
Gerber Legendary Blades/Fiskars
GLOCK, Inc.
GPKnives, LLC
Grohmann Knives
H.L. Dalis, Inc.
Havalon Knives
Heckler & Koch
Helle Norway
High, Tom
Hogue Knives
House Of Blades
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Joy Enterprises-Fury Cutlery
Ka-bar Knives
Kai USA Ltd. (Kershaw)
Kanetsune c/o Tourmo Intl., LLC
Karambit.com
Katz Knives, Inc.
Kellam Knives Worldwide
Kizer Inc.
Klecker Knives, LLC
Knife City
Knife Store, The
KnifeArt.com
KnifeCenter
KnifeHog
KnifeLegends.com
Knifeology.com
KnifePurveyor.com
KnifeTreasures.com
KnifeWorks / KnifeWorks.com
Knives of Alaska
KUTMASTER
L.T. Wright Handcrafted Knife Co.
Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.
Lee's Cutlery
Marble Arms
Master Cutlery Inc.
Monkey Edge
Moore Cutlery
Morakniv c/o Industrial Revolution
Morey's Jewelry And Gifts
Moteng North America
Nemesis Knives, LLC
Neptune Trading Inc.
New Graham Knives
Olamic Cutlery
1 Stop Knife Shop
Ontario Knife Co.
Outdoor Edge Cutlery, LLC
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Pacific Solution Marketing Inc.
Paragon Sports
Parker River Knife Co.
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Puma Knife Co. USA
Randall Made Knives
RAT WORX, Inc.
Real Avid
Remington Arms Co.
Doug Ritter Knives & Gear
Riverside Machine
Robertson's Custom Cutlery
Rocky Mountain Scrimshaw & Arts
Rockridge Outdoors
RUKO LLC
S 4 Supply
Santa Fe Stoneworks, Inc.
SARCO Knives LLC
Sarge Knives
Schenk Knives
Simonich Knives LLC
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
SOG Specialty Knives & Tools
Sooner State Knives
Spyderco, Inc.
St. Croix Blades
Stamascus Knifeworks, Inc.
Steel Addiction Custom Knives
Stone River Gear
Svord Knives
Swamp Rat Knife Works
Swiss Army Brands Ltd.
SwissBianco USA
Taylor Brands
Three Sisters Forge, LLC
Timberline Knives
Tirdell's Cutlery
TOPS Knives
True North Knives
Two Finger Knife, LLC
U.S. Cavalry
Utica USA
Victorinox
Virginia Blade Inc.
White River Knife & Tool
Wicked Edge
WILDSTEER
Wolf's Knives
Wuu Jau Co., Inc.
XIKAR Inc.
Zwilling J.A. Henckels LLC

MACHETES/BUSH

Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Battle Horse Knives
Benchmade Knife Co.
Blade HQ
Blue Ridge Knives
Bradford USA
Brigade Quartermasters
Bubba Blade/Fish Tales, LLC
Busse Combat Knife Co.
C.A.S. Iberia
Case, W.R., & Sons Cutlery Co.
Cold Steel, Inc.
Colonial
Condor Tool & Knife
Cutco Corporation
EdgeDealer.com
ESEE Knives
Gerber Legendary Blades/Fiskars
H.L. Dalis, Inc.
Helle Norway
House Of Blades
Industrial Revolution (Morakniv)
Kanetsune c/o Tourmo Intl., LLC
Knife City
KnifeHog
KnifeWorks / KnifeWorks.com
L.T. Wright Handcrafted Knife Co.
Medford Knife and Tool
Moteng North America
New Graham Knives
Ontario Knife Co.
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
RUKO LLC
Sarge Knives
Simonich Knives LLC
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
SOG Specialty Knives & Tools
Svord Knives
Swamp Rat Knife Works
Tirdell's Cutlery
Two Finger Knife, LLC
TOPS Knives
U.S. Cavalry
UST Brands
Utica USA

MINIATURE KNIVES

A.G. Russell Knives
Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Blue Ridge Knives
Buck Knives
CampCo, Inc./UZI, Humvee, S&W
Cutlery Specialties
EdgeDealer.com
Frost Cutlery Co.
House Of Blades
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Morey's Jewelry And Gifts
Outdoor Edge Cutlery, LLC
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
Utica USA
Wolf's Knives

POCKETKNIVES/ FOLDERS/AUTOMATICS

5.11 Tactical
A.G. Russell Knives
Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Al Mar Knives
American Edge
Antonini USA
Arizona Custom Knives
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Bear & Son Cutlery
Beck's Cutlery & Specialties
Benchmade Knife Co.
Beretta U.S.A. Corp.
Blackie Collins Design
Blade HQ
Blade-Tech
BladeArt.com
BladeGallery.Com
BladeOps, LLC
Blue Grass Cutlery Corp.
Blue Ridge Knives
Boker USA, Inc.
Boye Knives
Brigade Quartermasters
Brous Blades
Brownells
Browning
Buck Knives
Bulldog Brand Knife
C.A.S. Iberia
Camillus c/o Acme United Corp.
CampCo, Inc./UZI, Humvee, S&W
Case, W.R., & Sons Cutlery Co.
Chris Reeve Knives
Christy Knife Co.
Coast Cutlery Co.
Cold Steel, Inc.
Collectors Knives
Colonial
CRKT
Combat Elite
Compass Industries Inc.
Coutellerie Chambriard
Crawford Knives
Custom Knife Gallery Of Colorado
Cutlery Specialties
DPx Gear Inc.
EdgeDealer.com
Egginton Bros. Ltd.
EKA Knives/ProForce Equipment
Elite Custom Knives
Emerson Knives, Inc.
Epicurean Edge
Euroknife
Excalibur Cutlery
ExecutiveKnives.com
FAMARS USA
Faneema Cutlery
Fazalare International Enterprises
Fifty Fifty Productions
First Edge LLC
Fort Henry Custom Knives
Fox Knives USA
Fred Eisen Leather & Art Knives
Frost Cutlery Co.
Gerber Legendary Blades/Fiskars
GPKnives, LLC
Grayman Knives
Grohmann Knives
H.L. Dalis, Inc.
Hand Tech Made (HTM) Knives
Havalon Knives
Hogue Knives
House Of Blades
Imagical Design
J.T. Knives
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Joy Enterprises - Fury Cutlery
Ka-bar Knives
Kai USA Ltd. (Kershaw)
Karambit.com
Katz Knives, Inc
Kellam Knives Co.
Kizer Inc.
Klecker Knives, LLC
Klotzli
KnifeArt.com
Knife City
Knife Outlet
Knife Store, The
KnifeCenter
KnifeHog
KnifeLegends.com
Knifeology.com
KnifePurveyor.com
KnifeTreasures.com
KnifeWorks / KnifeWorks.com
Kroll International
Krudo Knives
KUTMASTER
L.T. Wright Handcrafted Knife Co.
Lansky Knife, Tool & Sharpeners
LATAMA Cutlery
Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.
Lee's Cutlery
Marfione Custom Knives, LLC
Master Cutlery
MAXPEDITION
Medford Knife and Tool
Microtech Knives, Inc.
Midwest Gun Exchange
Mission Knives
Moki Knife Company
Monkey Edge
Moore Cutlery
Morey's Jewelry And Gifts
Moteng North America
Nemesis Knives, LLC
Neptune Trading Inc.
New Graham Knives
Norris & Sons
Northstar Associates
Olamic Cutlery
1 Stop Knife Shop
Only Fine Knives
Ontario Knife Co.
Outdoor Edge Cutlery, LLC
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Pacific Solution Marketing Inc.
Paragon Sports
Parker River Knife Co.
Parkers' Knife Collector Service
Pietro Rosa Due Buoi Snc.
Piranha Knife Co.
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Pro-Tech Knives, LLC
Puma Knife Co. USA
RAT WORX, Inc.
Real Avid
Red Horse Knife Works, Inc.
Remington Arms Co.
Doug Ritter Knives & Gear
Riverside Machine
Rockridge Outdoors
RUKO LLC
SARCO Knives LLC
Sarge Knives
Shepherd Hills Cutlery
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
SOG Specialty Knives & Tools
Sooner State Knives

Spyderco, Inc.
Stamascus Knifeworks, Inc.
St. Croix Blades
Steel Addiction Custom Knives
Steel Will Knives c/o Sports Mfg. Group
Stone River Gear
Suchat Custom Knives
Svord Knives
Swiss Army Brands Inc.
Swiss+Tech
SwissBianco USA
Taylor Brands
Three Sisters Forge, LLC
Timberline Knives
Tirdell's Cutlery
TOPS Knives
True North Knives
United Cutlery
U.S. Cavalry
UST Brands
Utica USA
Victorinox
Virginia Blade Inc.
William Henry
Wolf's Knives
Wuu Jau Co., Inc.
XIKAR Inc.

RAZORS

Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Blue Ridge Knives
Col. Conk Products
House Of Blades
KnifeCenter
Moteng North America
Outdoor Edge Cutlery, LLC
Plaza Cutlery, Inc.
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
Tirdell's Cutlery
World of Weapons
Zwilling J.A. Henckels LLC

SEMI-PRODUCTION CUSTOM KNIVES

A.G. Russell Knives
Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
American Edge
Bark River Knives
Bell, Donald/Bellknives
Beretta U.S.A. Corp.
Blade HQ
Blade-Tech Industries
BladeArt.com
BladeGallery.com
Blue Ridge Knives
Boye Knives
Branton Knife Co.
Brous Blades
Browning
Busse Combat Knife Co.
C.A.S. Iberia
Crawford Knives
Crazy Crow Trading Post LLC
Cutlery Specialties
Damascus U.S.A.
Denton, John
EdgeDealer.com
Elite Custom Knives
Emerson Knives, Inc.
Epicurean Edge
FAMARS USA
Faneema Cutlery
Fazalare International Enterprises
Fort Henry Custom Knives
Fred Eisen Leather & Art Knives
GPKnives, LLC
Hand Tech Made (HTM) Knives
House Of Blades
Karambit.com
KnifeArt.com
KnifeLegends.com
Knifeology.com
KnifePurveyor.com
KnifeTreasures.com
Knives of Alaska
L.T. Wright Handcrafted Knife Co.
Lee's Cutlery
Legendary Knifemakers.com
Marfione Custom Knives, LLC
Moore Cutlery
Morey's Jewelry And Gifts
Nemesis Knives, LLC
New Graham Knives
Northstar Associates
Only Fine Knives
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Paragon Sports
Pietro Rosa Due Buoi Snc.
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Pro-Tech Knives, LLC
Randall Made Knives
Reddick Enterprises
Doug Ritter Knives & Gear
Schenk Knives
Simonich Knives LLC
Sooner State Knives
Spartan Blades, LLC
St. Croix Blades
Stamascus Knifeworks, Inc.
Steel Addiction Custom Knives
Strider Knives
Svord Knives
Three Sisters Forge, LLC
Tirdell's Cutlery
TOPS Knives
True North Knives
Two Finger Knife, LLC
Utica USA
White River Knife & Tool
William Henry
Wolf's Knives

SPECIALTY

A.G. Russell Knives
Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Blue Ridge Knives
CampCo, Inc./UZI, Humvee, S&W
CRKT
Condor Tool & Knife
Crawford, Pat
Crazy Crow Trading Post LLC
Custom Knife Gallery Of Colorado
Cutlery Specialties
Denton, John
EdgeDealer.com
ExecutiveKnives.com
FAMARS USA
GATCO Sharpeners
GPKnives, LLC
House Of Blades
IDL Techni Edge
Joy Enterprises–Fury Cutlery
Kai USA Ltd. (Kershaw)
Karambit.com
Katz Knives, Inc.
Knights Edge Ltd.
KUTMASTER
Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.
Messermeister
Miltner Adams Co.
Mission Knives
Moteng North America
Pacific Solution Marketing Inc.
Parker River Knife Co.
Pietro Rosa Due Buoi Snc.
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Reddick Enterprises
Remington Arms Co.
Doug Ritter Knives & Gear
Rockridge Outdoors
RUKO LLC
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
Sooner State Knives
Svord Knives
Swiss Army Brands Ltd.
Sword and The Stone
Tool Logic
True North Knives
Two Finger Knife, LLC
United Cutlery
U.S. Cavalry
Utica USA
Victorinox
White River Knife & Tool
Wolf's Knives
XIKAR Inc.

SWORDS/SABERS

Angel Sword
Arizona Custom Knives
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Benchmade Knife Co.
BladeArt.com
BladeGallery.Com
Blue Ridge Knives
Bugei Samurai Swords
C.A.S. Iberia
Cold Steel, Inc.
Crazy Crow Trading Post LLC
Damascus U.S.A.
EdgeDealer.com
Epicurean Edge
ESA
Fifty Fifty Productions
Frost Cutlery Co.
Gladius (see C.A.S. Iberia)
Historic Edged Weaponry
House Of Blades
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Kai USA Ltd. (Kershaw)
Kanetsune c/o Tourmo Intl., LLC
Knife City
Knife Outlet
KnifeCenter
KnifeHog
KnifeWorks /KnifeWorks.com
Knights Edge Ltd.
Mantis Inc.
Master Cutlery
Medieval Replicas
Moteng North America
Museum Replicas Ltd.
Neptune Trading Inc.
Northstar Associates
Northwest Knives & Collectibles
Ontario Knife Co.
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Pacific Solution Marketing Inc.
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Reddick Enterprises
Riverside Machine
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
St. Croix Blades
Svord Knives
Sword and The Stone
Tirdell's Cutlery
Toledo Swords
Two Finger Knife, LLC
United Cutlery
U.S. Cavalry
Utica USA
Wolf's Knives
Wuu Jau Co., Inc.

THROWING KNIVES/TOMAHAWKS

A.G. Russell Knives
Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
American Edge
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Black Creek Limited
BladeOps, LLC
Blue Ridge Knives
Boker USA, Inc.
Branton Knife Co.
Brigade Quartermasters
Bud K. Worldwide Inc.
C.A.S. Iberia
Cold Steel
Condor Tool & Knife
Crawford, Pat
Crazy Crow Trading Post LLC
Dixie Gun Works
Emerson Knives, Inc.
EdgeDealer.com
Frost Cutlery Co.
GPKnives, LLC
H & B Forge Co.
Hawkins Knife Making Supplies
House Of Blades
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Knife City
KnifeHog
Kroll International
Moteng North America
Neptune Trading Inc.
New Graham Knives
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Reddick Enterprises
Riverside Machine
Robertson's Custom Cutlery
Rockridge Outdoors
RUKO LLC
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
Spring River Trade Co.
Svord Knives
Tirdell's Cutlery
U.S. Cavalry
Utica USA
Wolf's Knives
Wuu Jau Co., Inc.

UTILITY KNIVES/TOOLS

A.G. Russell Knives
Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Al Mar Knives
American Edge
Antonini USA
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Bear & Son Cutlery
Beck's Cutlery & Specialties
Beretta U.S.A. Corp.
Blade HQ
Blade-Tech Industries
Blue Grass Cutlery
Blue Ridge Knives
Bradford USA
Branton Knife Co.
Brigade Quartermasters
Brownells
Camillus c/o Acme United Corp.
CampCo, Inc./UZI, Humvee, S&W
Case, W.R., & Sons Cutlery Co.
Chris Reeve Knives
Coast Cutlery Co.
Colonial
Condor Tool & Knife
Cutlery Specialties
EdgeDealer.com
FAMARS USA
Fifty Fifty Productions
Fox Knives USA
Frost Cutlery Co.
Gerber Legendary Blades/Fiskars
GLOCK, Inc.
GPKnives, LLC
Grohmann Knives
Havalon Knives
Helle Norway
House Of Blades
Hyde Tools, Inc.
Iain Sinclair Design Ltd.
IDL Techni Edge
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Karambit.com
Klecker Knives, LLC
KnifeArt.com
Knife City
KnifeHog
KnifeWorks /KnifeWorks.com
Krudo Knives
KUTMASTER
Lansky Knife, Tool & Sharpeners
Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.

MAXPEDITION
Messermeister
Mission Knives
Morakniv c/o Industrial Revolution
Moteng North America
Northwest Knives & Collectibles
1 Stop Knife Shop
Ontario Knife Co.
Outdoor Edge Cutlery, LLC
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Paragon Sports
Pietro Rosa Due Buoi Snc.
Plaza Cutlery Inc.
Real Avid
Doug Ritter Knives & Gear
Riverside Machine
Rockridge Outdoors
RUKO LLC
Sarge Knives
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
SOG Specialty Knives & Tools
Sooner State Knives
Steel Addiction Custom Knives
Svord Knives
Swiss Army Brands Ltd.
Swiss+Tech
SwissBianco USA
Taylor Brands
Timberline Knives
Tool Logic
TOPS Knives
True North Knives
U.S. Cavalry
Utica USA
Victorinox
White River Knife & Tool
Wolf's Knives
Wuu Jau Co., Inc.
XIKAR Inc.

Special Services And Products

ABRASIVES

3M Abrasive Systems
American Siepmann Corp.
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Brownells
Burr King
Canadian Knifemaker Supply Ltd.
Custom Kraft
Cutlery Specialties
EZE-Lap Diamond Products
G.L. Pearce Abrasive Co.
GATCO Sharpeners
Hawkins Knife Making Supplies
House Of Blades
Industrial Abrasives Co.
Jantz Supply
Kerry Abrasives
Klingspor Abrasives
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
Norton / Saint-Gobain Abrasives
Osborn International
Red Hill Corp./Supergrit Abrasives
Riverside Machine
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Spyderco, Inc.
Stephen Bader & Co., Inc.
Texas Knifemakers Supply
Tru-Grit, Inc.

ACCESSORIES

A.G. Russell Knives
Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Adam Unlimited
Antonini USA
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Blade HQ
Blue Grass Cutlery
Brigade Quartermasters
Brownells
Cutlery Specialties
Extreme Outfitters
Fort Henry Custom Knives
GATCO Sharpeners
Gerber Legendary Blades/Fiskars
Hawkins Knife Making Supplies
House Of Blades
Jantz Supply
Ka-bar Knives Inc.
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
KnifeHog
KnifeWorks / KnifeWorks.com
KUTMASTER
L.T. Wright Handcrafted Knife Co.
Moore Cutlery
Moteng North America
New Graham Knives
Premium Knife Supply™
Raine, Inc.
Riverside Machine
Schmuckatelli Co.
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Spyderco, Inc.
Texas Knifemakers Supply
The Ultimate Edge, Inc.
Tirdell's Cutlery
Tool Logic
Tormach
U.S. Cavalry
Wolf's Knives

AUCTIONEERS

J. Bruce Voyles Auctioneers

BANDSAW BLADES

Hawkins Knife Making Supplies
Jantz Supply
JPW Industries
Knife and Gun Finishing Supplies
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
Suffolk Machinery Corp.

BLADES/BLADE COATINGS

Alabama Damascus Steel
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Black Creek Limited
C.A.S. Iberia
Crazy Crow Trading Post LLC
Damascus U.S.A.
Dixie Gun Works
Fountain Plating Co. Inc.
House Of Blades
Jantz Supply
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
KUTMASTER
NorthCoast Knives
Premium Knife Supply™
Reddick Enterprises
Riverside Machine
Rocklin Manufacturing
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Stamascus Knifeworks, Inc.
Svord Knives
Texas Knifemakers Supply
Three Sisters Forge, LLC
Two Finger Knife, LLC
York Saw & Knife Co.

CARVING

A.G. Russell Knives
House Of Blades
Jantz Supply
Morey's Jewelry And Gifts
Riverside Machine
Sarge Knives
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Ultra Speed Products
Warren Tool Co. Inc.
Wood Carvers Supply, Inc.
Cutters/Lasers/Hydro
Admiral Steel
Jancy Engineering
JPW Industries
LMS Stamping
New Jersey Waterjet Inc.
Tormach

DAMASCUS

Alabama Damascus Steel
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Baker Forge & Tool
Damascus U.S.A.
Damasteel AB
Faneema Cutlery
Hawkins Knife Making Supplies
House Of Blades
Jantz Supply
Katz Knives, Inc.
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
Nichols Damascus
Premium Knife Supply™
Rados, Jerry
Riverside Machine
Rockridge Outdoors
RUKO LLC
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Texas Knifemakers Supply
Two Finger Knife, LLC
U.S. Cavalry
Wood Lab

DISPLAYS, CASES, ROLLS AND BOXES

A.G. Russell Knives
Adam Unlimited
American Edge
Bill's Custom Cases®
Blade HQ
Blue Grass Cutlery Corp.
Blue Ridge Knives
Culpepper & Co.
Fort Henry Custom Knives
Fort Knox Inc.
Frost Cutlery Co.
House Of Blades
Intn'l Display and Packaging
Jantz Supply
Ka-Bar Knives Inc.
Knife and Gun Finishing Supplies
KnifeHog
KnifeWorks / KnifeWorks.com
L.T. Wright Handcrafted Knife Co.
MAXPEDITION
Morey's Jewelry And Gifts
Morton Enterprises
Northwest Knives & Collectibles
Parker River Knife Co.
Plaza Cutlery
R& J Case Company
RUKO LLC
Sack-Ups
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Spring River Trade Co.
The Ultimate Edge, Inc.
Wren Chest Co.

ENGRAVING

Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Baron Engraving
Billy Bates Engraving
Blair, Jim
Blue Ridge Knives
Buck Knives
Buckeye Engraving
Custom Knife Gallery Of Colorado
Elite Custom Knives
FAMARS USA
Frost Cutlery Co.
Glendo Corp.
Henry A. Evers Corp.
House Of Blades
Jantz Supply
Katz Knives, Inc.
KUTMASTER
Lindsay Engraving & Tools
Paragrave Profitable Hobbies
Pilkington, Scott Jr.
Riverside Machine
RUKO LLC
SARCO Knives LLC
Sarge Knives
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Spyderco, Inc.
Three Sisters Forge, LLC
Ultra Speed Products
Wolf's Knives

ETCHING

Baron Engraving
Blue Ridge Knives
Buck Knives
Buckeye Engraving
Fountain Plating Co. Inc.
Frost Cutlery Co.
Grohmann Knives Ltd.
I.M.G. of Utica, Inc.
Jantz Supply
Katz Knives, Inc.
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
KUTMASTER
Lectroetch
Marking Methods
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
Riverside Machine
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Spartan Blades, LLC
Spyderco, Inc.
Wolf's Knives

GAS FORGES

Centaur Forge LLC
Chile Forge
Jantz Supply
NC Tool Company Inc.
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Three Sisters Forge, LLC
Wood Lab

GRINDERS

American Siepmann Corp.
Beaumont Metal Works
Berger L.L.C.
Brownells
Burr King Mfg. Co., Inc.
DAREX/Work Sharp Tools
Hawkins Knife Making Supplies
Interamco, Inc.
Jancy Engineering
Jantz Supply
Jowitt & Rodgers Co.
JPW Industries
Kerry Abrasives
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
Lamson and Goodnow
Larkin Precision
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
Reba's Enterprises
Red Hill Corp.
Riverside Machine
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Stephen Bader & Co., Inc.
Texas Knifemakers Supply
Tormach

HANDLE MATERIALS

Adam Unlimited
Alabama Damascus Steel
American Knifemaking Supplies
American Metal Xchange Inc.
Arizona Ironwood
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Boone Trading Co., Inc.
Blade HQ
Blue Ridge Knives
Blue Ridge Woodcrafters
Cains Outdoor, Inc.
Canadian Knifemaker Supply
Classic Cutlery
Crazy Crow Trading Post LLC
Culpepper & Co.

Dixie Gun Works
Elen Hunting & Importing Inc.
Fields, Donald
Fine Turnage Productions
GATCO
Gilmer Wood Co.
Grohmann Knives Ltd.
Hawkins Knife Making Supplies
House Of Blades
Jantz Supply
JMD International, LLC
Johnson Wood Products
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
Leading Edge Distributors
Maker Material Supply
Masecraft Supply Co.
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
Nelson Woodworking
NorthCoast Knives
Oso Famoso
Premium Knife Supply™
Raffir USA
Randall Made Knives
Reddick Enterprises
Riverside Machine
Santa Fe Stoneworks, Inc.
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Svord Knives
Texas Knifemakers Supply
TMS Titanium
Wood Lab
Hardness Testers
Brownells
PPC Specialty Metals Inc.
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply

HEAT TREATING HEAT-TREAT OVENS

Bridwell, Richard
Brownells
Canadian Knifemaker Supply
Chile Forge
Evenheat Kilns, Inc.
Jantz Supply
Knife and Gun Finishing Supplies
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
Pacific Heat Treating/Holt, Bill R.
Paragon Industries, L.P.
Paul Bos Heat Treating
Peter's Heat Treating
PPC Specialty Metals Inc.
Riverside Machine
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Texas Heat Treating
Texas Knifemakers Supply
Two Finger Knife, LLC
York Saw & Knife Co.

INSTRUCTION/ CLASSES

American Bladesmith Society
Canadian Knifemaker Supply
Center Cross Metal Works
ESEE Knives
Glendo Corp.
Karambit.com
Lindsay Engraving & Tools
Master Knifemakers
NorthCoast Knives
Paladin Press
Paragrave Profitable Hobbies
Two Finger Knife, LLC
Wood Carvers Supply, Inc.

INTERNET GROUPS

bladeforums.com
blademag.com
ckdforums.com (custom knife directory)
knifedogs.com
usualsuspect.net
Knife Kits
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Crazy Crow Trading Post LLC
Damascus U.S.A.
House Of Blades
Jantz Supply
Klecker Knives, LLC
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
KnifeKits.com
KUTMASTER
Masecraft Supply Co.
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
NorthCoast Knives
Premium Knife Supply™
Reddick Enterprises
Sarge Knives
Texas Knifemakers Supply
Wood Lab

LEATHER/ LEATHERWORK

Adam Unlimited
CowCatcher Leatherworks
Culpepper & Co.
Dave's Custom Leather
El Paso Saddlery Co.
Faneema Cutlery
Fred Eisen Leather & Art Knives
Gould & Goodrich, Inc.
House Of Blades
Jantz Supply
Knife and Gun Finishing Supplies
KUTMASTER
Layton, Jim
Leather Crafters & Saddlers
Lefaucheux, Jean-Victor
McGowan, Frank
Muir & McDonald Co. Tanners
Oklahoma Leather Products, Inc.
Paul Long Custom Leather
Riney, Norm
Rowe's Leather
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Tandy Leather Factory
Treestump Leather
Two Finger Knife, LLC
Wolf's Knives

LUBRICANTS

Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Blade HQ
Clenzoil Worldwide
Cutlery Specialties
Fountain Plating Co. Inc.
Jantz Supply
Knife and Gun Finishing Supplies
LATAMA Cutlery (Quick Release)
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
Sentry Solutions
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Tai Lubricants
White Lightning
Photography
BladeGallery.com
Custom Knife Gallery Of Colorado
Epicurean Edge
JFrasier Knife Image Editing
Rod Hoare Knife Images
Cory Martin Photography
Francesco Pachi Photography
Point Seven, Inc.
SharpByCoop Photography
Ward, Chuck Photography
Whetstone Studio

POLISH, METAL

Baron Engraving
Blue Ridge Knives
Brownells
Cutlery Specialties
Flitz International, Ltd.
House Of Blades
Interamco, Inc.
Jantz Supply
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
Lamson and Goodnow
Osborn International
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Riverside Machine
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Texas Knifemakers Supply
Two Finger Knife, LLC

PUBLICATIONS

American Knife & Tool Institute
Automatic Knife Resource (see LATAMA Cutlery)
BLADE®
BLADE Complete Knife Guide
Centaur Forge LLC
DBI Books
Knife Magazine
Knife Rights
Knives Illustrated
Leather Crafters & Saddlers Journal
Paladin Press

PURVEYORS

Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
A.G. Russell Knives
Arizona Custom Knives
artknives.com
BladeGallery.com
Classic Cutlery
Custom Knife Gallery of Colorado
Cutlery Specialties
Denton, John
Elite Custom Knives
Exquisite Knives
Fazalare International Enterprises
Fifty Fifty Productions/Stephen D'Lack
KnifeLegends.com
Knifeology.com
KnifePurveyor.com
KnifeTreasures.com
Levine, Gary Fine Knives
Plaza Cutlery
Pro-Tech Knives, LLC
Quintessential Cutlery
Recon 1
Robertson's Custom Cutlery
Schmuckatelli Co.
St. Croix Blades
Steel Addiction Custom Knives
Suchat Custom Knives
True North Knives

SCRIMSHAW

Boone Trading Co., Inc.
Frost Cutlery Co.
House Of Blades
Jantz Supply
KUTMASTER
Rocky Mountain Scrimshaw & Arts
Scrimshaw by Linda Karst Stone
Scrimshaw by Sandra Brady
Stone Hollow Scrimshaw Studio

SHARPENERS

A.G. Russell Knives, Inc.
AccuSharp International
American Edge
Antonini USA
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Blade HQ
BladeOps, LLC
Blue Ridge Knives
Brigade Quartermasters
Bubba Blade/Fish Tales, LLC
Buck Knives
Dan's Whetstone Co., Inc.
DAREX/Work Sharp Tools
DMT Diamond Machining Technology
Edge Pro Sharpening Systems
Edgecraft Corp.
Egginton Bros. Ltd.
EKA Knives/ProForce Equipment
EZE-LAP Diamond Products Inc.
Frizzell's Razor Sharp
Frost Cutlery Co.
GATCO Sharpeners
Gerber Legendary Blades/Fiskars
House Of Blades
Jantz Supply
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Ka-bar Knives Inc.
Kanetsune c/o Tourmo Intl., LLC
Katz Knives, Inc.
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
KnifeWorks /KnifeWorks.com
Kroll International
KUTMASTER
Lansky Knife, Tool & Sharpeners
McGowan Manufacturing Co.
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
Mission Knives
Moteng North America
New Graham Knives
Northwest Knives & Collectibles
Norton / Saint-Gobain Abrasives
Ole Whiskers, Inc.
1 Stop Knife Shop
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Rapala
Razor Edge Systems, Inc.
Remington Arms Co.
Riverside Machine
RUKO LLC
Sharp'nr Co., Inc.
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
SKARB
Smith's Consumer Products Inc.
Spyderco, Inc.
Svord Knives
Texas Knifemakers Supply
The Edgemaker
The Razor Rock
The Ultimate Edge, Inc.
Tirdell's Cutlery
Tru Hone Corp.
U.S. Cavalry
Virginia Blade Inc.
Warthog
Wicked Edge
Wolf's Knives
Wolff Industries

SHEATHS

Antonini USA
Armory Plastics LLC
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Battle Horse Knives
Blackie Collins Design
Blade HQ
Blade-Tech Industries
Blue Ridge Knives
Brigade Quartermasters
Browning
Buck Knives
Buckelew, John
CowCatcher Leatherworks
Custom Leather Knife Sheaths
Damasteel AB
Dave's Custom Leather
DeSantis Gunhide
Extrema Ratio
Extreme Outfitters
Fort Henry Custom Knives
Fred Eisen Leather & Art Knives
Frost Cutlery Co.
House Of Blades
Hunter Company Inc.
Jantz Supply
Jenco Sales, Inc.
Ka-bar Knives Inc.
Katz Knives, Inc.
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
KnifeHog
KnifeWorks /KnifeWorks.com
Kroll International
KUTMASTER
Layton, Jim
Leather Crafters & Saddlers
MAXPEDITION
Midwest Knifemakers Supply

Moore Cutlery
Moteng North America
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Paul Long Custom Leather
Raine Inc.
Remington Arms Corp.
Rowe's Leather
RUKO LLC
Sherman's Custom Leather
Spartan Blades, LLC
Svord Knives
Tandy Leather Co.
Tex Shoemaker and Sons Inc.
Texas Knifemakers Supply
The Wild Irish Rose
Timberline Knives
Treestump Leather
Tru Hone Corp.
Two Finger Knife, LLC
U.S. Cavalry
Wolf's Knives

STAMPS

A & M Engraving
Brownells
Buckeye Engraving
Henry A. Evers Corp.
Jantz Supply
Leather Crafters & Saddlers
Riverside Machine
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Steel Stamps 2 Inc.

STEELS

Admiral Steel
AK Steel Corp.
Alabama Damascus Steel
Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp.
Baker Tool and Forge
BESTAR
Bladesmiths, Inc.
Blue Ridge Knives
Bohler Uddeholm USA
Brownells
Canadian Knifemaker Supply
Carpenter Technology Corporation
Crucible Industries LLC
Damasteel AB
Hawkins Knife Making Supplies
House Of Blades
Jantz Supply
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
Knives, Etc.
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
New Jersey Steel Baron
Niagara Specialty Metals
Nichols Damascus
NorthCoast Knives
Ozark Knife
PPC Specialty Metals Inc.
Plaza Cutlery
Reactive Metals Studio, Inc.
Riverside Machine
SB Specialty Metals LLC
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Stamascus Knife Works
SteelXpert
Suffolk Machinery Corp.
Svord Knives
Texas Knifemakers Supply
Three Sisters Forge, LLC
Titanium Distribution Services
Tru-Grit
Two Finger Knife, LLC
USA Knife Maker
Vegas Forge
Wood Lab
York Saw & Knife Co.

SUPPLIES, GENERAL

Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Alpha Knife Supply
American Metal Xchange Inc.
Arizona Ironwood
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
Black Creek Limited
Blade HQ
Brownells
Cains Outdoor, Inc.
Canadian Knifemaker Supply
Capstan Pacific
Centaur Forge LLC
Chile Forge
Crazy Crow Trading Post LLC
Custom Kraft
Cutlery Specialties
Dixie Gun Works, Inc.
Fred Lohman Co.
Halpern Titanium
Hand Tech Made (HTM) Knives
Hawkins Knife Making Supplies
House Of Blades
J&M Distributing
Jantz Supply
JMD International, LLC
Kayne and Son Custom Hardware
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
Lindsay Engraving & Tools
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
Moore Cutlery
NorthCoast Knives
Norton / Saint-Gobain Abrasives
Old World Anvils
Paragrave Profitable Hobbies
Plaza Cutlery, Inc.
Pop's Knives & Supplies
Red Devil, Inc.
Reddick Enterprises
Riverside Machine
Schmuckatelli Co.
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Smoky Mountain Knife Works
Texas Knifemakers Supply
TMS Titanium
Tormach
Tru-Grit, Inc.
Warner Manufacturing Company

VIDEOS

Brigade Quartermasters
Bugei Samurai Swords
Center Cross Metal Works
Cold Steel
Crazy Crow Trading Post LLC
GATCO
Jantz Supply
J.T. Knives
Kayne and Son Custom Hardware
Knife and Gun Finishing Supplies
KnifeHog
Master Knifemakers
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
NorthCoast Knives
Paladin Press
Reddick Enterprises
Riverside Machine
Scrimshaw by Sandra Brady
Sheffield Knifemakers Supply
Two Finger Knife, LLC

Distributors

5.11 Tactical
Adams International Knifeworks-AIK
Alabama Damascus Steel
American Military Edged Weaponry Museum
Antonini USA
Arizona Custom Knives
Atlanta Cutlery Corp.
B&F System, Inc./MAXAM
Benchmade Knife Company
Beretta U.S.A. Corp.
Bill's Custom Cases
Blade-Tech Industries
BladeArt.com
BladeGallery.com
Blue Mountain Turquoise
Blue Ridge Knives
Boker USA, Inc.
Boye Knives
Brigade Quartermaster
Brownells
Browning
Bryan Brothers Cutlery Co.
Bubba Blade/Fish Tales, LLC
C.A.S. Iberia
Cains Outdoor, Inc.
CampCo, Inc./UZI, Humvee, S&W
Case, W.R. & Sons Cutlery Co.
Centaur Forge, Texas
Centaur Forge, Wisconsin
Center Cross Metal Works
Coast Cutlery Co.
Col. Conk Products, Inc.
Colonial
Coutellerie Chambriard
Crazy Crow Trading Post LLC
Culpepper & Co.
Cutlery Specialties
Damascus U.S.A.
Dan's Whetstone Co., Inc.
Dixie Gun Works, Inc.
Dovo Scissors
Edge Pro Sharpening Systems
Edgecraft Corp.
Egginton Bros. Ltd.
EKA Knives/ProForce Equipment
Emerson Knives, Inc.
Epicurean Edge
Euroblade
Evenheat Kilns, Inc.
ExecutiveKnives.com
Extreme Outfitters
EZE-LAP Diamond Products Inc.
FAMARS USA
Fields, Donald
Fine Turnage Productions
Flitz International Ltd.
Fox Knives USA
Fred Lohman Co.
Frost Cutlery Co.
GATCO Sharpeners
G.L. Pearce Abrasive Co.
Glendo Corporation/GRS Tools
Grohmann Knives Ltd.
H&B Forge Co.
H.L. Dalis, Inc.
Havalon Knives
Helle Norway
Henry A. Evers Corp.
Hogue Knives
House Of Blades
Hunter Company Inc.
IDL Techni Edge
I.M.G. of Utica, Inc.
Imagical Design
Industrial Abrasives Co.
J & M Distributing
Jantz Supply
Jenco Sales, Inc.
JMD International, LLC
Johnson Wood Products
Joy Enterprises-Fury Cutlery
K & M Wholesale
Karambit.com
Katz Knives, Inc.
Kellam Knives Worldwide
Klotzli
Knife & Gun Finishing Supplies
Knife Magazine
Knights Edge Ltd.
Kutmaster/Division of Utica
LMS Stamping
Lamson And Goodnow
Lansky Knife, Tool & Sharpeners
Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.
Levine, Gary Fine Knives
Lone Star Wholesale
Mantis Knives
Marble Arms
Masecraft Supply Co.
Master Cutlery Inc.
McGowan Manufacturing Co.
Messermeister
Midwest Gun Exchange
Midwest Knifemakers Supply
Miltner Adams Company
Mister Twister, Inc.
Morakniv c/o Industrial Revolution
Morey's Jewelry And Gifts
Moteng North America
Museum Replicas Ltd.
NC Tool Company Inc.
Nemesis Knives, LLC
Neptune Trading Inc.
Niagara Specialty Metals
Norris & Sons
Olamic Cutlery
Ole Whiskers, Inc.
1 Stop Knife Shop
Ontario Knife Co.
Outdoor Edge Cutlery, LLC
Ozark Cutlery Supply
Paladin Press
Parkers' Knife Collector Service
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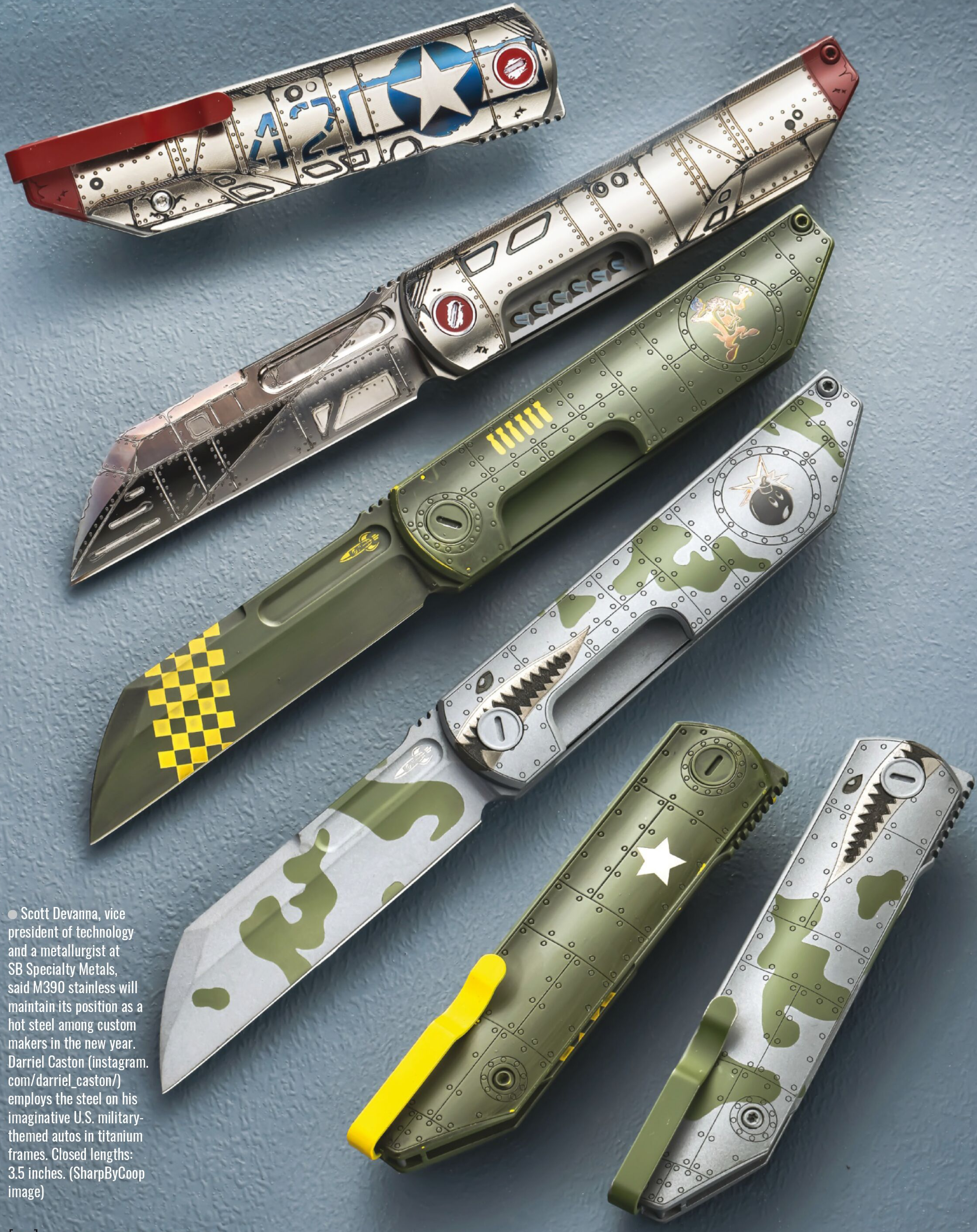

Scott Devanna, vice president of technology and a metallurgist at SB Specialty Metals, said M390 stainless will maintain its position as a hot steel among custom makers in the new year. Darriel Caston (instagram.com/darriel_caston/) employs the steel on his imaginative U.S. military-themed autos in titanium frames. Closed lengths: 3.5 inches. (SharpByCoop image)

STEELS THAT Will Thrive in '25

MagnaCut will remain the top steel dog but it's not the only hound in the kennel

Every cutlery buyer faces a dizzying array of steel choices when it comes to buying that next knife, an array that represents the proverbial "double-edged sword." While it's nice to have choices, it can also be hard to keep up with so many options. Fortunately, industry professionals are available to help sort out which stainless and carbon varieties are either catching fire or cooling off.

Last year when the *BLADE Complete Knife Guide* took the temperature of steel suppliers, the clear-cut champion of blade materials was Crucible Industries' CPM MagnaCut stainless. The creation of steel guru Larrin Thomas, MagnaCut remains on top and will stay there for the foreseeable future. Bob Shabala, president of Niagara Specialty Metals, praised the high-performance blade material last year and still does today.

"We have sold about 320 tons of CPM MagnaCut since its introduction in 2020. It is our biggest selling cutlery grade right now and I don't expect that to change anytime soon," Bob said, adding the qualifier, "This is from Niagara Specialty Metals' limited perspective. I'm sure other mills are working on new grades which I'm not privy to."

One reason MagnaCut is so popular is it embraces all cutlery genres with ease. "CPM MagnaCut remains in high demand across various knife patterns," Bob observed. "Some customers currently using MagnaCut for fixed blades are expanding into folding knives and have expressed plans to continue using the steel for their new designs, reflecting its versatility and ongoing popularity."

Scott Devanna, vice president of technology and a metallurgist for SB Specialty Metals, tends to concur. "I'm not sure there will be a new 'super steel' introduced in 2025. The introduction of new steels seems to have a three-to-four-year cycle, and with the recent intro of CPM MagnaCut such new introductions may be a few years off. We sell a lot of MagnaCut," he stated. "I've learned over the years that *new* is very often the primary driver when new grades are introduced. This is what happened with CPM S30V, CPM 20CV and its European equivalent M390, and a few other grades."

It should be noted that MagnaCut technically is going into its fifth year of existence. As you can see, it takes a while for a steel to work its way into the manufacturing pipeline and be given a thumbs up or thumbs

"WE HAVE SOLD ABOUT 320 TONS OF CPM MAGNACUT SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION IN 2020." —BOB SHABALA

● CPM MagnaCut stainless ruled among knife steels in 2024 and will continue to hold sway in 2025. A representative example is the new CRKT Q, a folder in titanium and carbon fiber designed by Richard Rogers. Country of origin: Italy. MSRP: $225.

● MagnaCut maestro Larrin Thomas

down by the end user.

NEEDS BASED

Meanwhile, other specialty grade steels aren't being ignored. In fact, many knife consumers prefer other steels that suit their needs better, both of the stainless and carbon varieties. "CPM S30V, one of the original cutlery-grade steels, continues to be one of our best-selling products," Shabala noted. "Despite its age*, S30V maintains a strong position in the market, demonstrating its enduring reliability and widespread appeal among knifemakers."

Devanna agrees. "CPM S30V is still a favorite for hunting knives, as well as CPM 154," he noted. "For everyday carry folders, M390, CPM 20CV and CPM 154 are still used quite a bit as well." Scott said CPM S30V and S35VN remain strong for tactical folders.

Custom knifemakers aren't as easily swayed by trends and tend to go with steels they are comfortable using, are time proven to them personally, or geared to their particular customer base. While many are on the MagnaCut train, they tend to be more diverse in their choices.

"Other steels popular among custom knifemakers are M390, CPM 20CV, CPM 154, and to a lesser extent CPM S30V and CPM S35VN," Devanna stated. "I have heard that CTS-XHP will be re-introduced, and this grade developed quite a following when it was readily available—especially for kitchen knives and high-end folders." Added Shabala, "CPM 154 is always popular with the custom makers."

THE CARBON EQUATION

The outdoor crowd—bushcrafters, survivalists and open-air tactical users—has to be pleased with the attention they've been getting from the industry. These users' requirements are different and they prefer a subset of steels all their own. "CPM 3V and 4V are favored for hard-use

● CPM 154 stainless will continue to be a steel of choice for custom hunting knives, here on the Cowboy Knife by David Fleming (dgfleming.df@gmail.com) in a handle of sheep horn from a Rocky Mountain bighorn. Overall length: 7 inches.

HOT STEELS FOR 2025*

- CPM Magnacut: Folders and fixed blades
- CPM S30V: Hunting knives, tactical folders, custom knives
- CPM S35VN: Tactical folders, custom knives, factory outdoor knives
- CPM 154: Hunting knives, EDC knives, custom knives
- CPM 20CV: EDC knives, custom knives, knives requiring heightened wear and corrosion resistance
- CPM S90V: Knives requiring heightened wear and corrosion resistance
- CPM Cruwear: Bushcraft knives and tactical fixed blades
- CPM 3V: Bushcraft knives, survival knives, hard-use knives, tactical fixed blades
- CPM 4V: Competition cutters, hard-use knives
- M390: EDC knives, custom knives
- 1095: Factory outdoor knives

*The steels are listed in no particular order by the knife patterns/types for which they are favored most by users and makers, according to the story's sources. For more on damascus and the steels popular to make the many types of it, see page 82.

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knives due to the steels' toughness, while CPM S90V and 20CV are popular among users who prioritize wear and corrosion resistance," Shabala observed. "CPM 3V and CPM 4V are carbon steels that continue to sell well in specific areas. 3V is in high demand for bushcraft knives and 4V is being used by the current national champion in BladeSports International cutting competitions, Ben Propst. His wife Sue Ann is now using it and in 2024 they both won cutting events in Kokomo and the Smoky Mountain Knife Works fall festival."

"I think CPM 3V and CPM Cruwear—mostly for bushcraft/survival knives as well as tactical fixed blades—are gaining popularity in the market," Devanna opined. "CPM 3V has proven itself over the years and continues to be a popular grade. CTS PD#1 was in this category but availability of this grade is a problem." While major outdoor knife manufacturers like TOPS and ESEE still sell the bulk of their knives in 1095 carbon steel, they have been slowly offering their customers more diversity in their lines, including such stainless versions as S35VN.

BARKING BLADES

As Shabala and Devanna noted, MagnaCut will be the top dog among steels in 2025, but it's certainly not the only hound in the kennel. The cutlery industry is so diverse in the

● Bob Shabala, Niagara Specialty Metals

● While major outdoor knife manufacturers like TOPS and ESEE still sell the bulk of their knives in 1095, they have been gradually offering their customers more steel diversity, including stainless versions such as S35VN. The TOPS Shadow Hunter has a 4.5-inch blade of 1095 carbon steel in a tungsten Cerakote®. Country of origin: USA. MSRP: $250.

"CPM S90V AND 20CV ARE POPULAR AMONG USERS WHO PRIORITIZE WEAR AND CORROSION RESISTANCE."—BOB SHABALA

● Shane Magnussen (shane@scorpion6knives.com) uses the CPM S90V supplied by New Jersey Steel Baron on his model BBV2 folder. Closed length: 4.54 inches. (SharpByCoop image)

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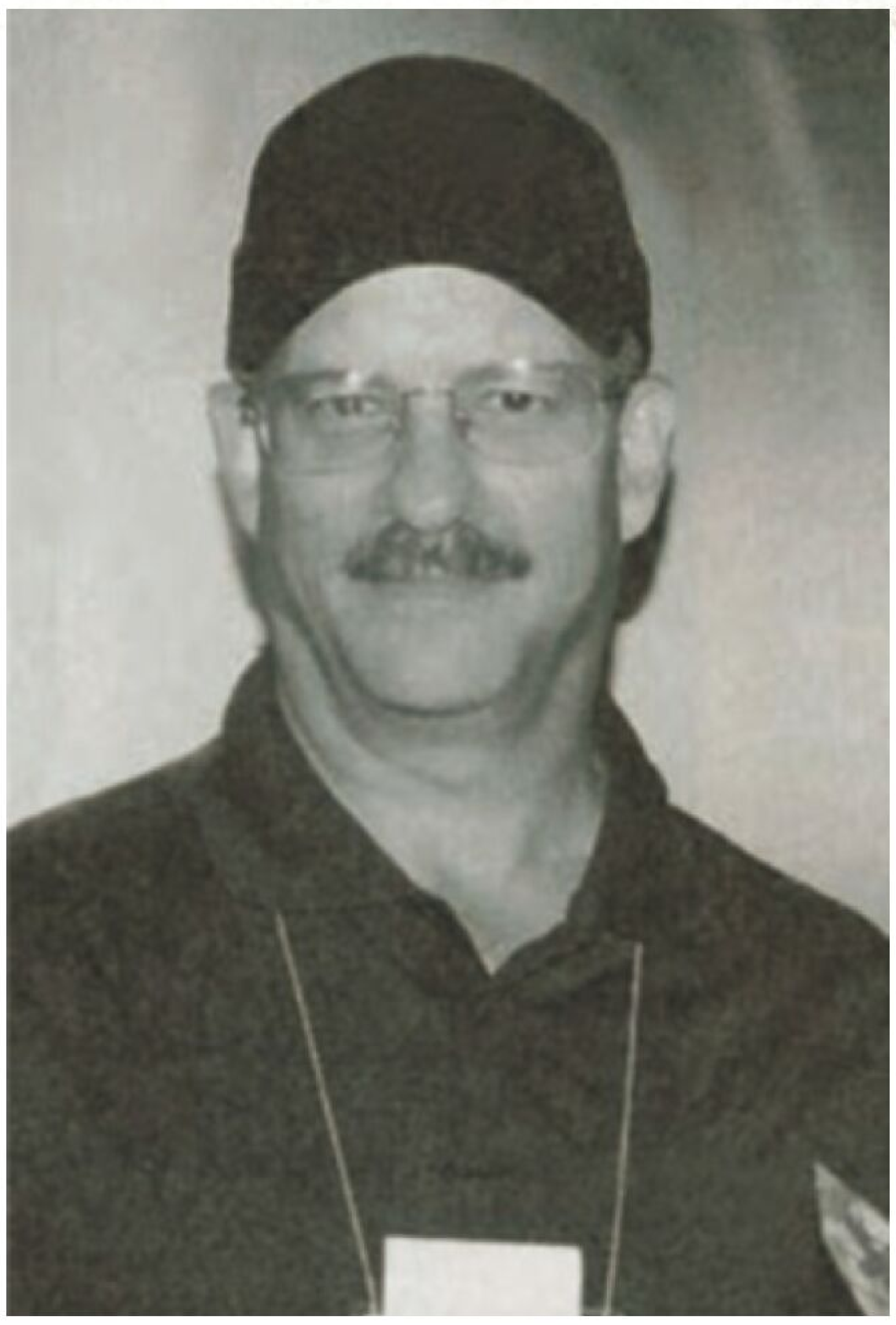
The A10 II bushcraft/survival knife by Medford Knife & Tool boasts a 5.3-inch blade of CPM 3V carbon steel, which is also designed to throw sparks from a ferro rod for fire starting. Country of origin: USA. MSRP: $495.

CPM S35VN has been and will remain popular on tactical folders for the new year, according to Scott Devanna. Cold Steel offers up the premium stainless on the drop-point blade of the Full Metal Atlas. MSRP: $229.99.

> "I HAVE HEARD THAT CTS-XHP WILL BE RE-INTRODUCED, AND THIS GRADE DEVELOPED QUITE A FOLLOWING WHEN IT WAS READILY AVAILABLE."—SCOTT DEVANNA

According to Scott Devanna, CPM 20CV stainless will be the blade steel for many EDC knives in the coming year, including the Castle & Key Distiller's Blade designed by Jens Anso and Jesper Voxnaes for GiantMouse. MSRP: $325.



Scott Devanna, SB Specialty Metals

competition among manufacturers, custom makers, genres of knives and budget categories, there's room for many different stainless and carbon steels. While what's in the works remains unknown to most, you can bet there are teams of metallurgists working on the next great knife steel as these words are written.

As a knife enthusiast and cutlery buyer your choices are bountiful in all categories—from EDC to outdoor, fixed blade to folder—and affordable to expensive. Some users buy one knife to last for years while others rotate their carry or require cutting fare for specific purposes. The good news is your knife and steel options have never been better!

**Editor's note: The first-ever steel both designed and made specifically for knife blades, CPM S30V has been used for knives since 2001.*

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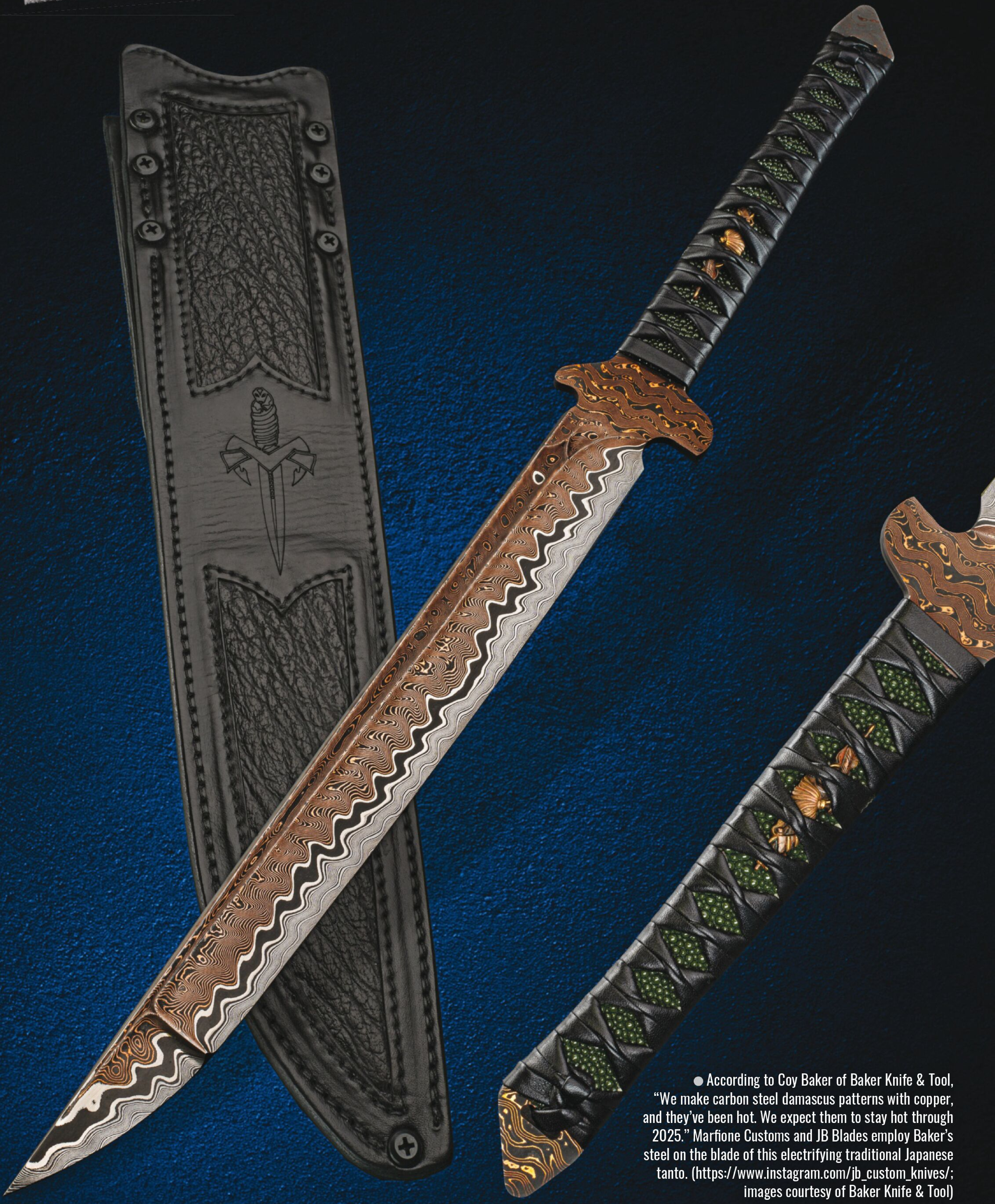


● According to Coy Baker of Baker Knife & Tool, “We make carbon steel damascus patterns with copper, and they’ve been hot. We expect them to stay hot through 2025.” Marfione Customs and JB Blades employ Baker’s steel on the blade of this electrifying traditional Japanese tanto. (https://www.instagram.com/jb_custom_knives/; images courtesy of Baker Knife & Tool)

GLOBAL RED-HOTTING

Expect a variety of production damascus steels to boil over in the months ahead

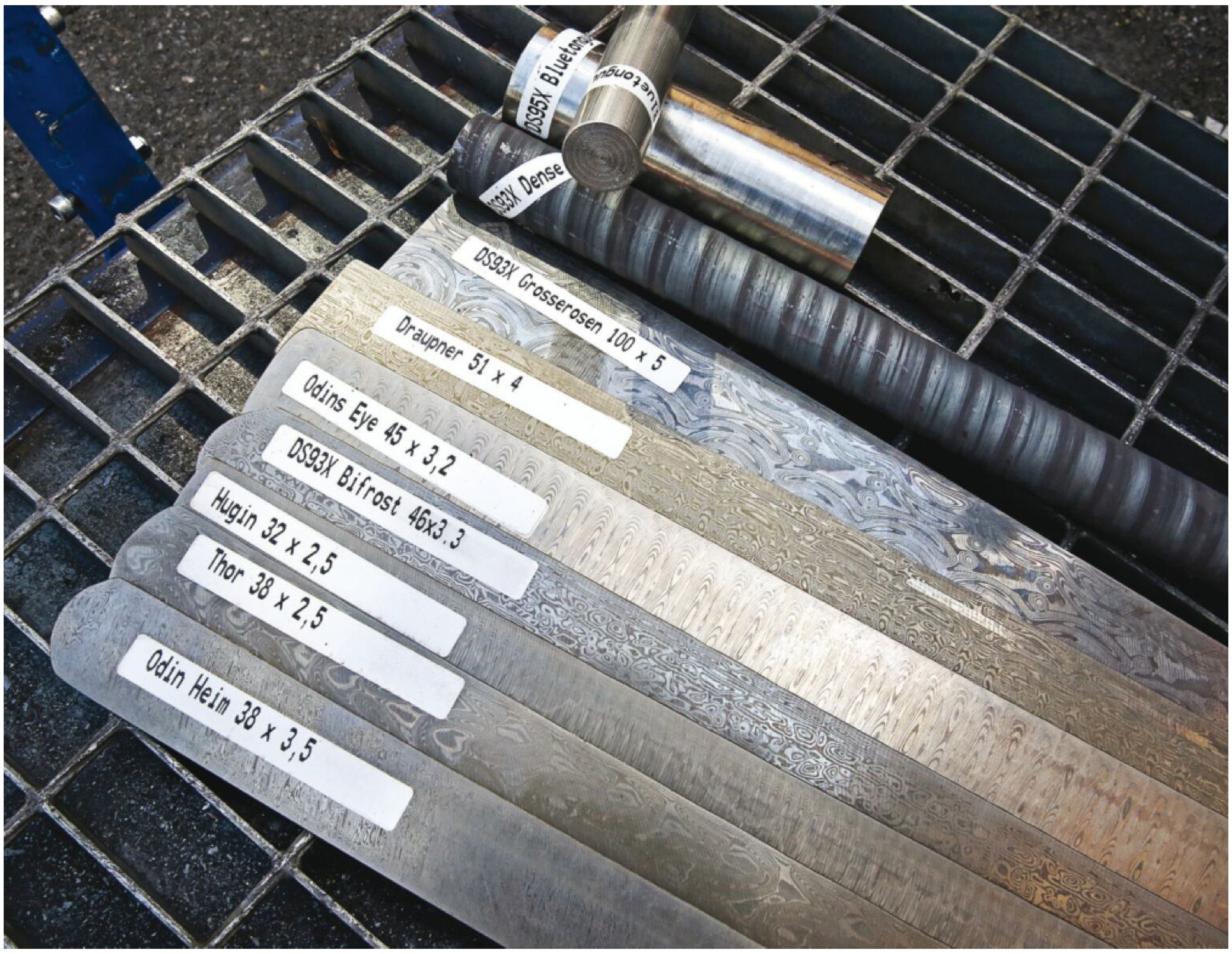
Are we seeing a bit of "global warming" in the knife industry, where red-hot damascus steel is getting even hotter? *BLADE®* spoke with some industry leaders, and 2025 and beyond looks good to them when it comes to production damascus in both carbon and stainless steels.

There are many individual makers who make high-quality damascus in simple and complex patterns in their home shops, backyards or shared maker spaces. This article focuses instead on production damascus forged by specialized outfits such as Baker Forge & Tool, Damasteel, Chad Nichols Damascus and Vegas Forge. At a level beyond "regular" damascus makers, these companies make steel for the masses, for production companies, and specialize in innovative new materials that are sure to delight the industry.

BLADE readers will be familiar with Baker Forge & Tool, a prolific producer of innovative damascus patterns that include copper, such as CopperMai, TigerMai, GoMai and others. "We make carbon steel damascus patterns with copper, and they've been hot. We expect them to stay hot through 2025," Coy Baker said. When it comes to steel selection, the company most often sticks with the gold standard combination of 1084 carbon and 15N20 nickel-alloy steels.

Baker also has been experimenting with Apex Ultra as a core steel for its

● DS93X steel—fourth from bottom in bar form—is Damasteel's standard mix, "combining good performance with good looks." "For us it's more about expanding the patterns than about trying new steel combos," noted Per Jarbelius. The other patterns in bar form are representative examples of what you can expect from the Swedish steel maker.



copper *san-mai*. For those unfamiliar, Apex Ultra is a tungsten steel alloy, kind of a super-52100 carbon steel. It's made in small batches and is hard to get in the USA, but Baker has found that the material makes a great damascus core. "Demand for our Apex core billets far outpaces supply," Coy noted. Baker has also been experimenting with stainless and copper damascus and san-mai, using 154CM and AEB-L stainless steels. This writer also makes knives and that combo sounds quite challenging to forge. Baker confirmed that it was very challenging and wouldn't reveal any secrets, other than the 154CM etches light and the AEB-L etches darker.

> "ALL FOUR STEEL MAKERS EXPECT GROWTH IN THE PRODUCTION SIDE OF THE MARKET."

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● Vegas Forge has always been innovative and 2025 will be no exception. "We've figured out how to do copper in with the damascus pattern manipulation, not just as a line between *san-mai*," Jesse Harber noted. (Vegasforge.com image)

GROWTH IN THE 'SIP

Down in beautiful Bush Springs, Mississippi, Chad Nichols makes traditional carbon steel damascus at a production level. "I stick mostly to carbon steel 1075 or 1095 plus 15N20 with occasionally a little bit of 3V," Nichols explained. "I've got my process down and these steels go together well." He makes a variety of mosaic patterns, most of which go to a single manufacturer. "The carbon steels are so much more organic," Nichols said. "You can do so much more with them in a cost-effective way."

Nichols' goal for 2025 is to increase his production of mosaic patterns. "There just aren't many people doing production mosaics," he said. "It's a great opportunity for growth." Another area he'd like to see grow in 2025 is the use of exotic and historical materials. He's made a run of steel for Boker with steel from a German Tiger tank, and has a run coming for William Henry with some leaf springs sourced by WH.

COLLAB DESIGNS

Damascus isn't just a U.S. product. Damasteel produces high-quality stainless steel damascus in Sweden. "Our DS93X steel is our standard mix, combining good performance with good looks," Damasteel's Per Jarbelius remarked. "For us it's more about expanding the patterns than about trying new steel combos." DS93X is described as a "patented powder metallurgy product" that includes "two different hardenable steel grades." "We use only stainless steel," Jarbelius explained, 'because it doesn't rust and has the same or better performance."

Damasteel historically produces a new pattern each year. For 2025 it also has begun a special project to collaboratively design patterns. Benchmade collaborated with Damasteel to make a steel pattern called "Monarch" exclusively for the Benchmade Gold Class Necron balisong. Jarbelius is excited for the potential to expand the collaborative effort with other companies who want proprietary patterns.

In another innovation, Damasteel has developed the capability to produce stainless damascus in sheets, not just bars. This will come in handy for

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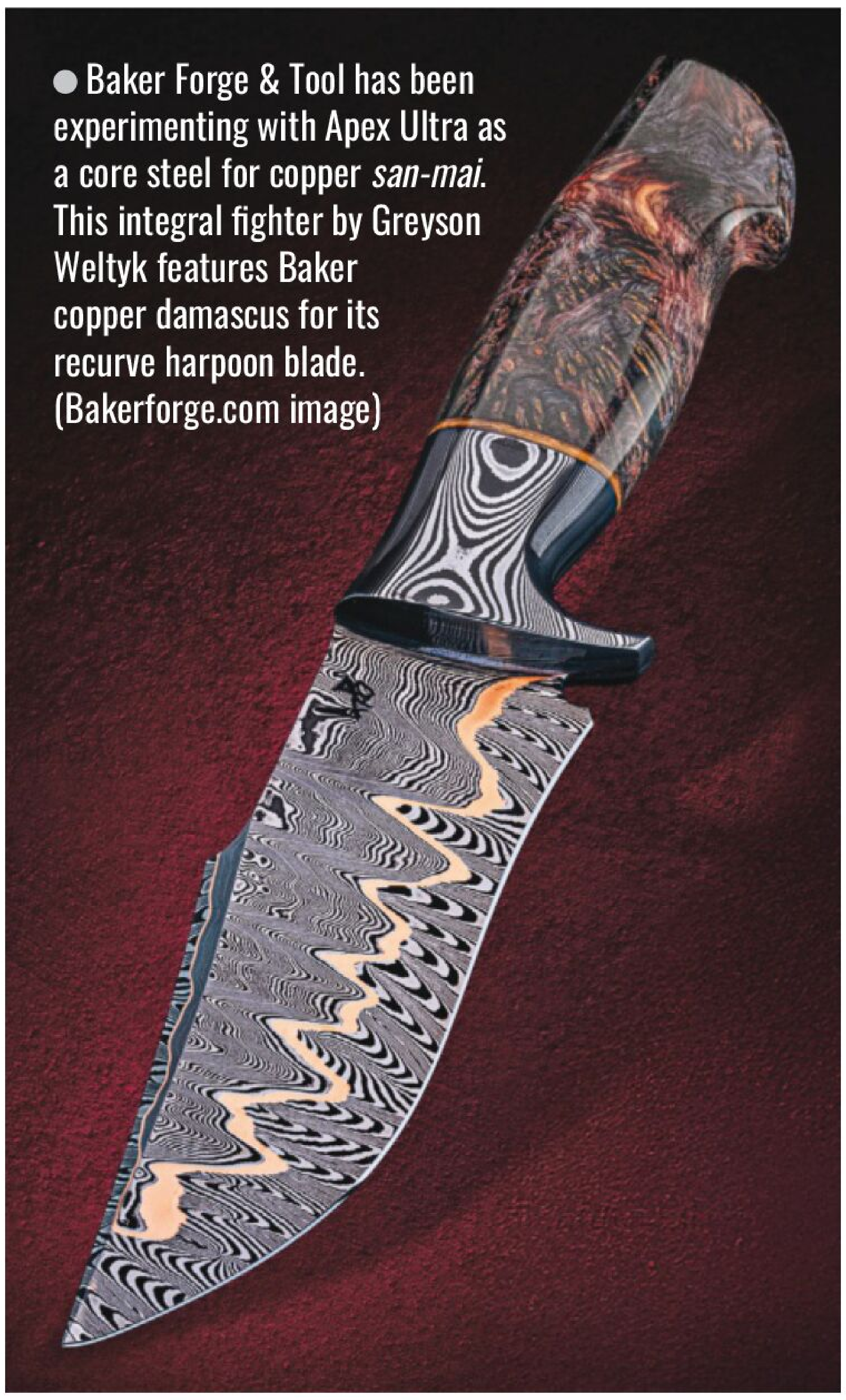
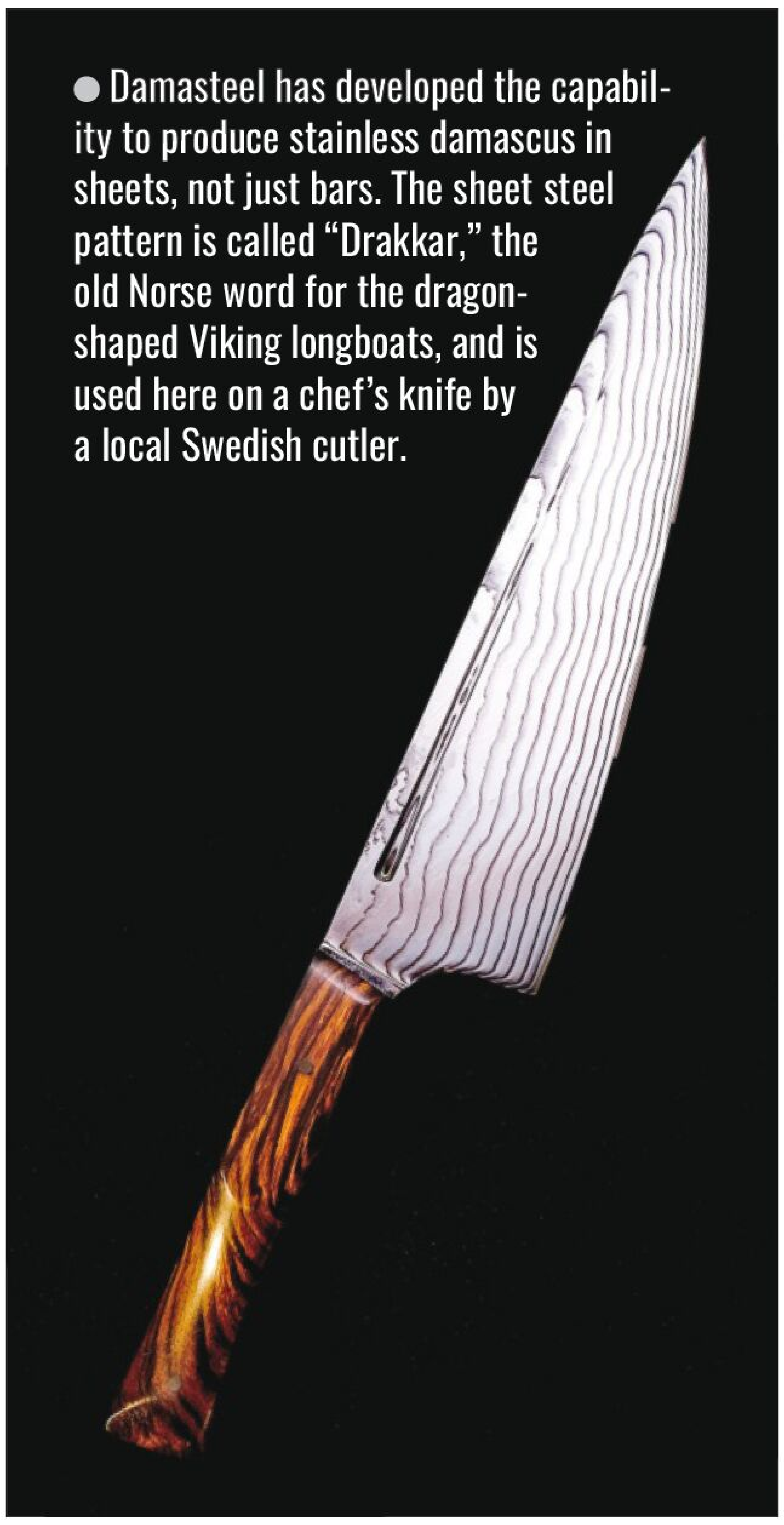
● Chad Nichols (above) stated the goal at Chad Nichols Damascus for 2025 is to increase the production of mosaic patterns.



● Baker Forge & Tool has been experimenting with Apex Ultra as a core steel for copper *san-mai*. This integral fighter by Greyson Weltyk features Baker copper damascus for its recurve harpoon blade. (Bakerforge.com image)



● Damasteel has developed the capability to produce stainless damascus in sheets, not just bars. The sheet steel pattern is called “Drakkar,” the old Norse word for the dragon-shaped Viking longboats, and is used here on a chef’s knife by a local Swedish cutler.

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COPPER IN THE PATTERN

What happens in Vegas may stay in Vegas, but that’s not the slogan for Vegas Forge, whose damascus is well known worldwide. It is a consistent producer of high-quality carbon and stainless damascus in complex patterns. “One of our most popular patterns is ‘Reptilian,’ which has three alloys included: O1, 1075 and nickel,” observed the company’s Jesse Harber.

Vegas Forge has always been innovative and 2025 will be no exception. “We’ve figured out how to do copper in with the damascus pattern manipulation, not just as a line between san-mai,” Jesse noted. “We can take our Reptilian pattern with copper in it, and then clad that billet over an O1 or 1095 core.” As far as stainless goes, Vegas Forge continues to push the complexity of its patterns. Its most popular pattern, “Virus,” begins with a single stack of 1200 pieces! The company uses 154CM cores for most of its stainless san-mai, along with CTS XHP when available.

ULTIMATE HOTNESS

What kind of knives do the manufacturers predict for ultimate hotness in 2025? Both Baker and Jarbelius indicated culinary knives will stay hot, especially in stainless. Baker pointed out that stainless steel handles kitchen abuse better, and this writer agrees. Per said Damasteel’s Damacore and DC18N nitrogen steels are top of the line, and the company has a culinary knife coming in partnership with BLADE Magazine Cutlery Hall-of-Fame® member Ken Onion and CRKT. Both Damasteel officials and Chad Nichols agree that complex patterns are expected to do well for the pocketknife

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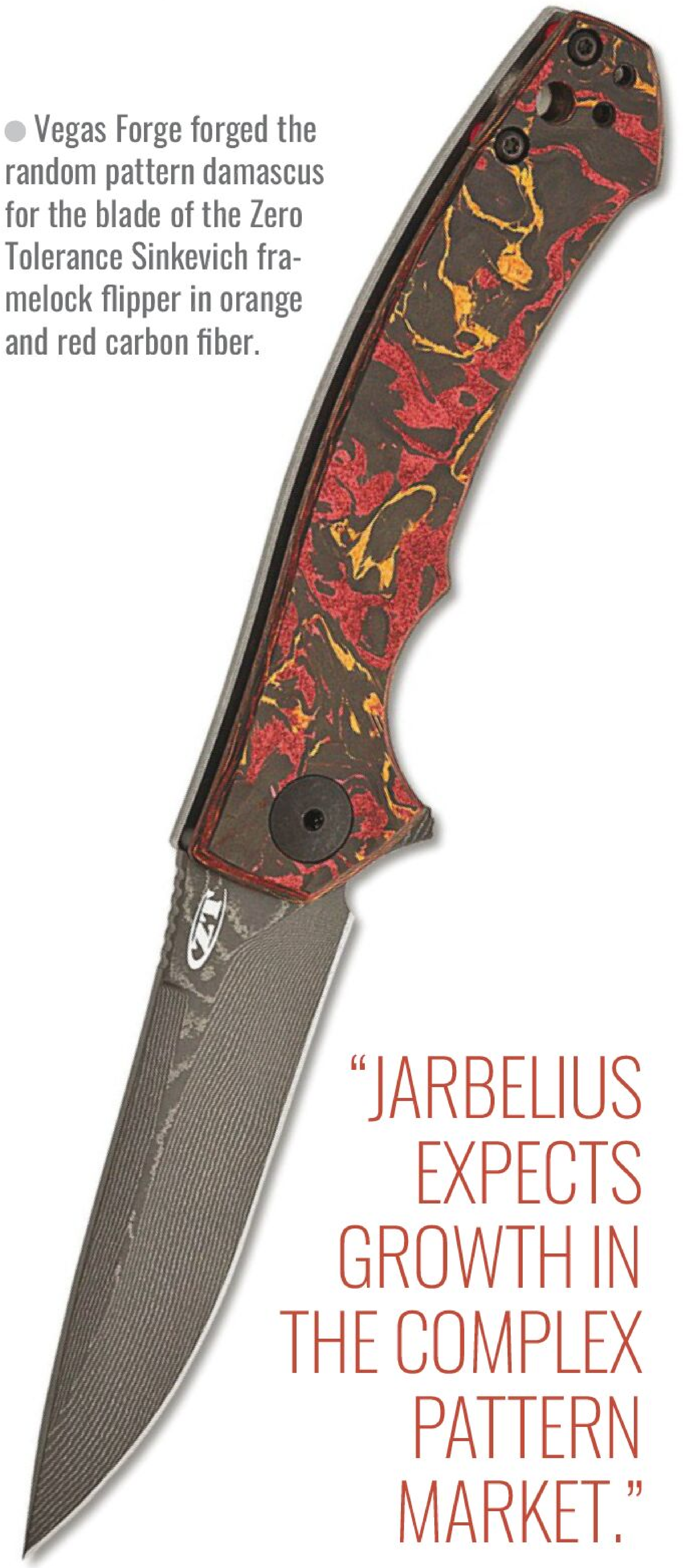

Vegas Forge forged the random pattern damascus for the blade of the Zero Tolerance Sinkevich framelock flipper in orange and red carbon fiber.

> "JARBELIUS EXPECTS GROWTH IN THE COMPLEX PATTERN MARKET."

and one-off makers. Jarbelius "expects growth in the complex pattern market" even as Damasteel's basic traditional rose, ladder and twist damascus patterns remain best sellers. Nichols states that the mosaic niche he addresses will continue to grow.

All four steel makers expect growth in the production side of the market. Even in a slower economy, the big knife manufacturing companies are still producing limited runs of high-quality damascus knives. Baker looks for growth in his damascus-core san-mai steels. "They're easier to get a consistent etch on than the mono-steel cores," he explained. Manufacturing is all about consistency and efficient processes. Damasteel achieves consistency by using the same steel combo for all its patterns. Nichols gets there by batch building for specific manufacturers so that each run is internally consistent. Harber mentioned that he was approached at BLADE Show West* by multiple production companies looking to order steel for 100-to-200-piece runs. He indicated he expects the mid-range sub-$800 production folders to stay hot.

GONNA BE INTERESTING!

The new year is going to be an interesting one for the economy and politics, both of which are inextricably entwined. Fortunately, thanks to the work of those in the damascus industry, it'll also be an interesting year in the world of knives. If nothing else, knife enthusiasts will have plenty of beautiful damascus production knives coming off the assembly lines to keep them entertained.

**For a recap of BLADE Show West 2024, see the upcoming January issue of BLADE®.*

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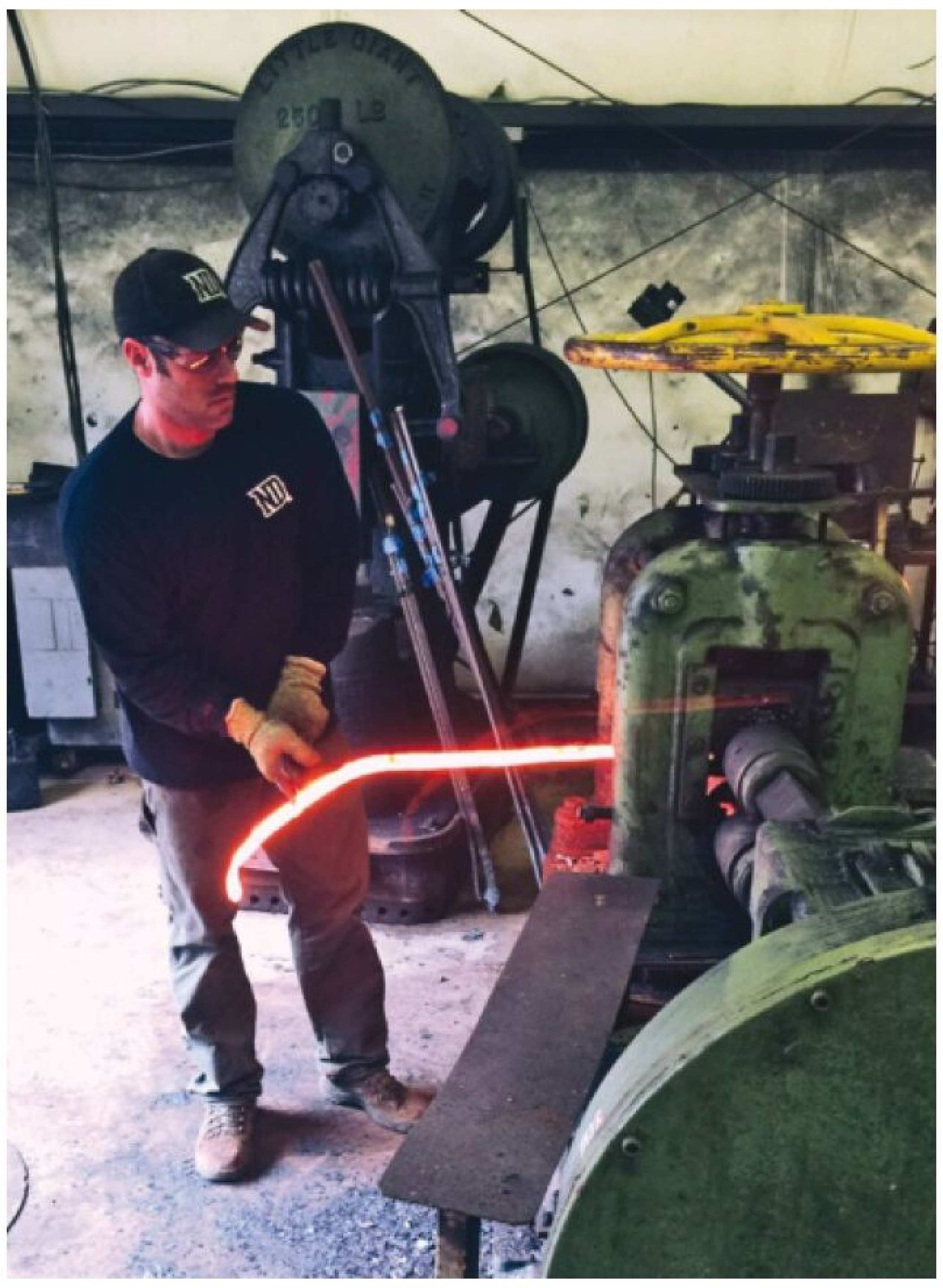

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NOV. 29-DEC. 1 PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA Brooklyn Knife Show, Queenspark Atrium, Brooklyn Mall. Visit knifeshow.co.za.*

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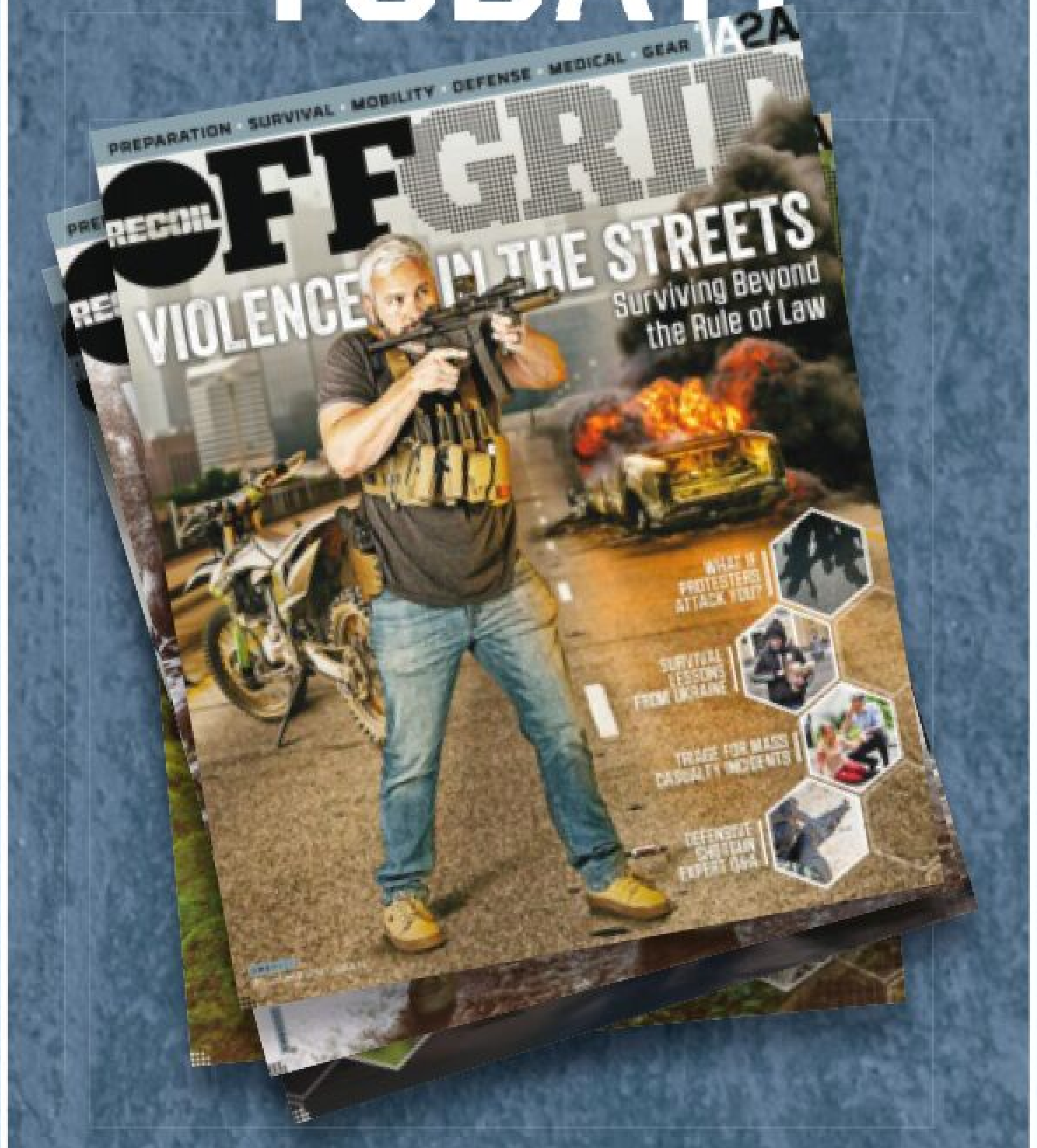

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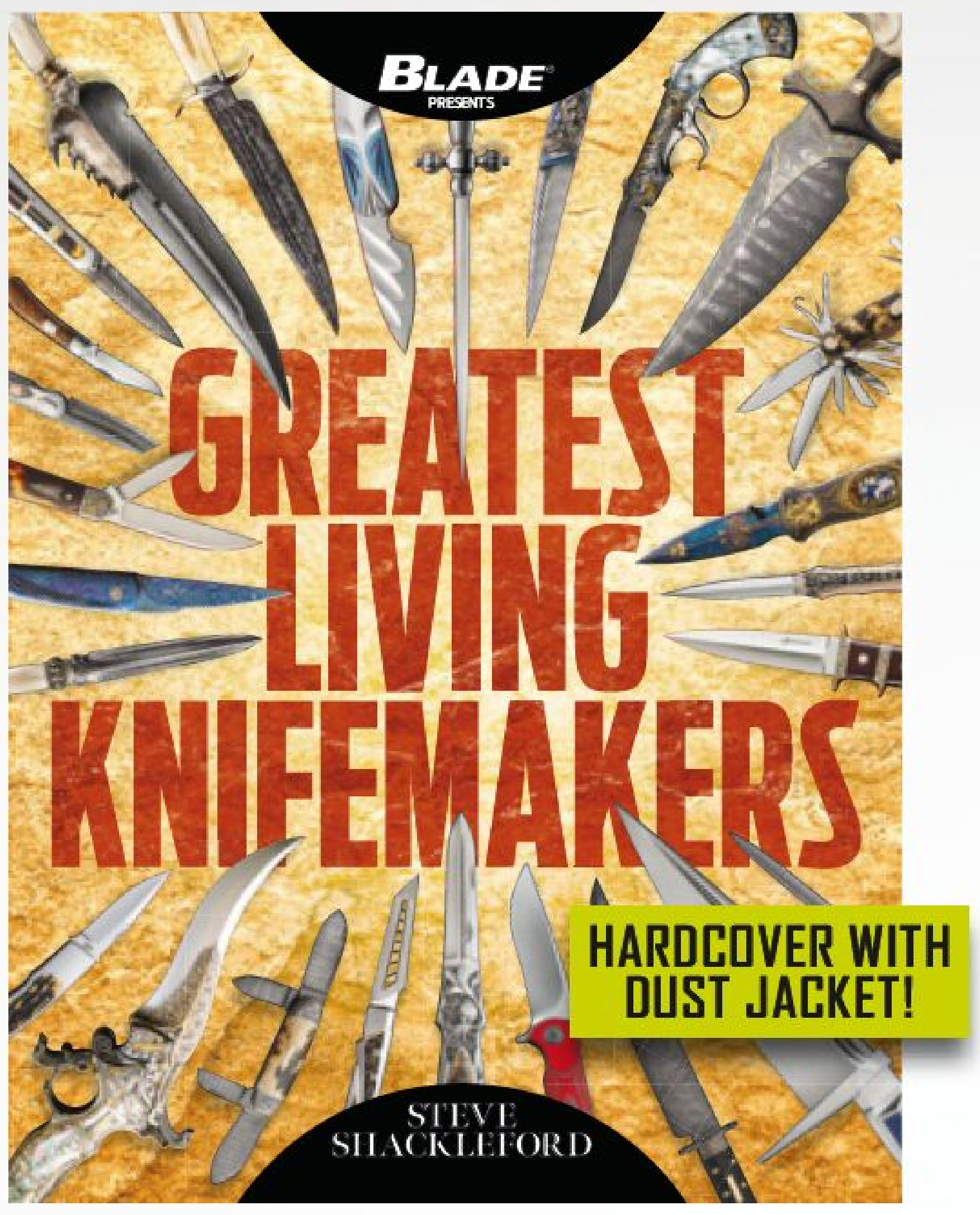
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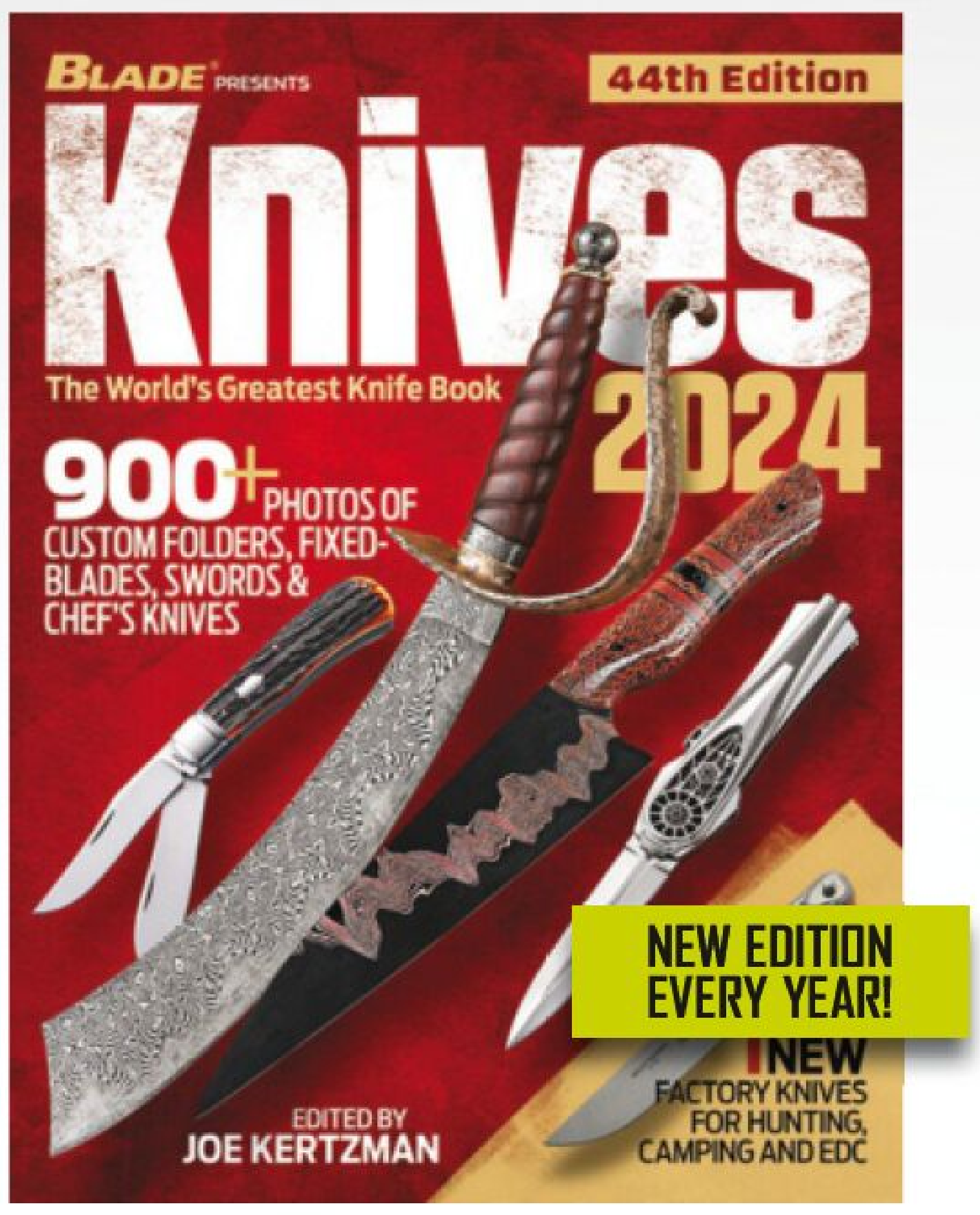
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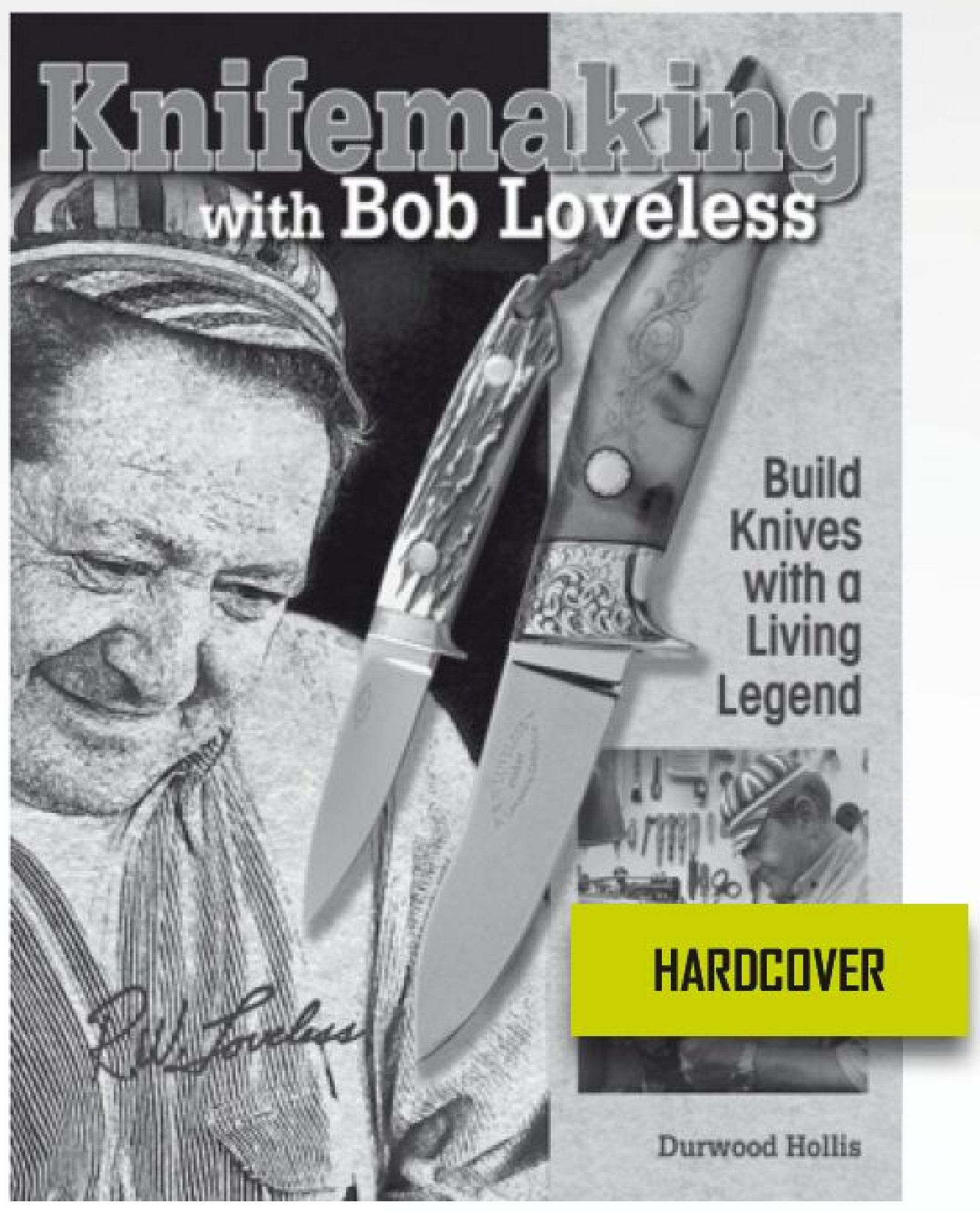
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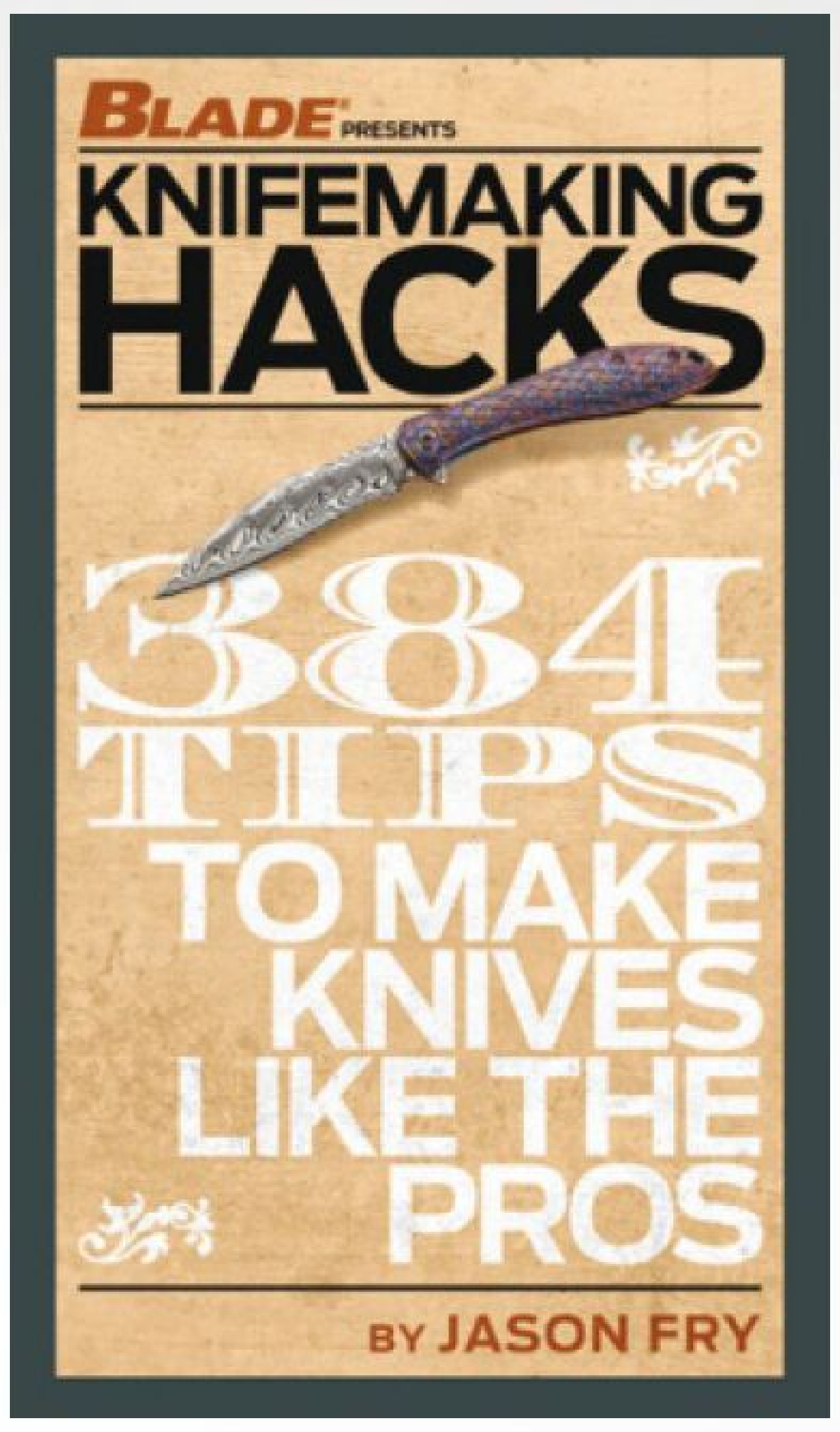
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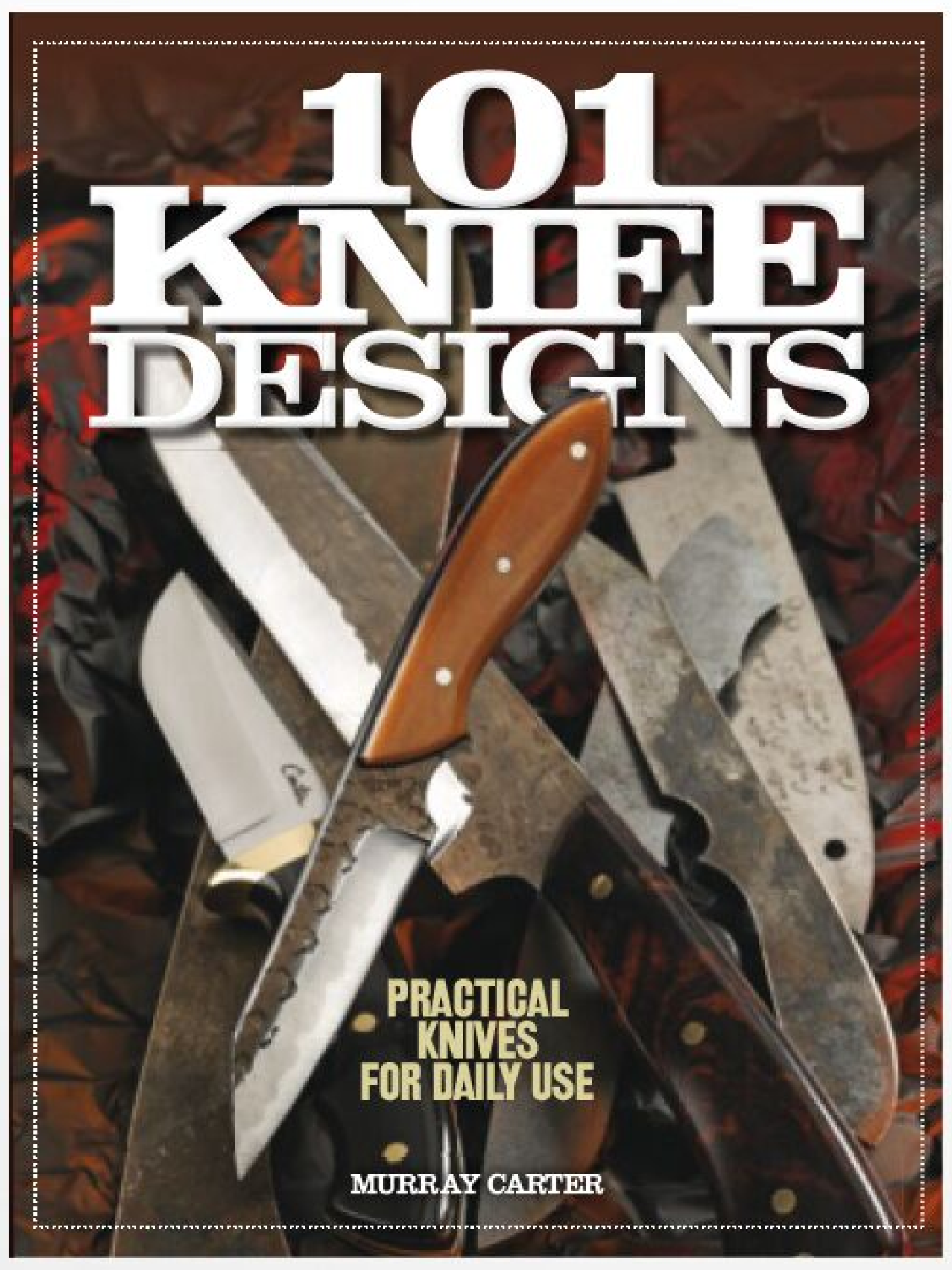
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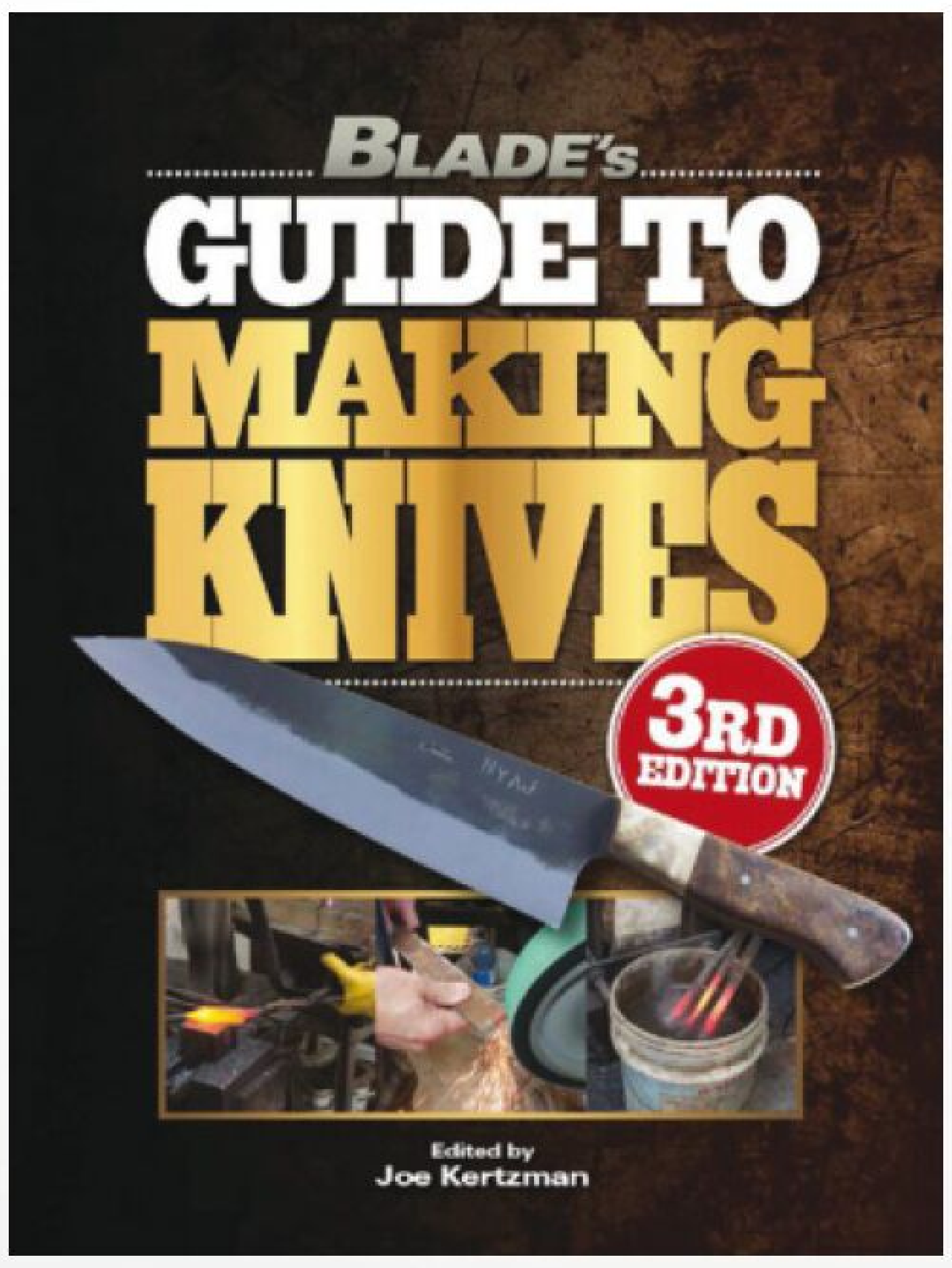
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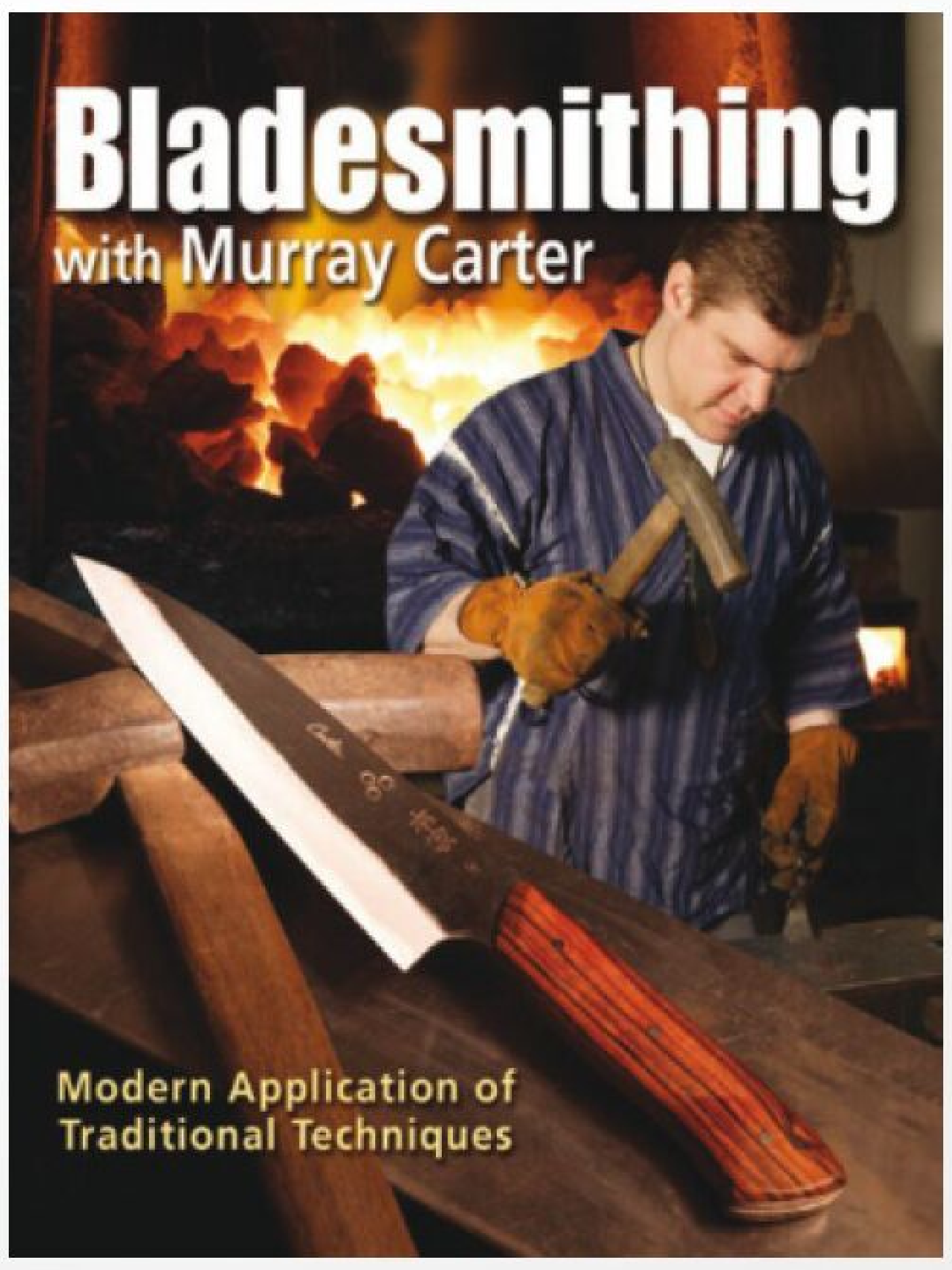
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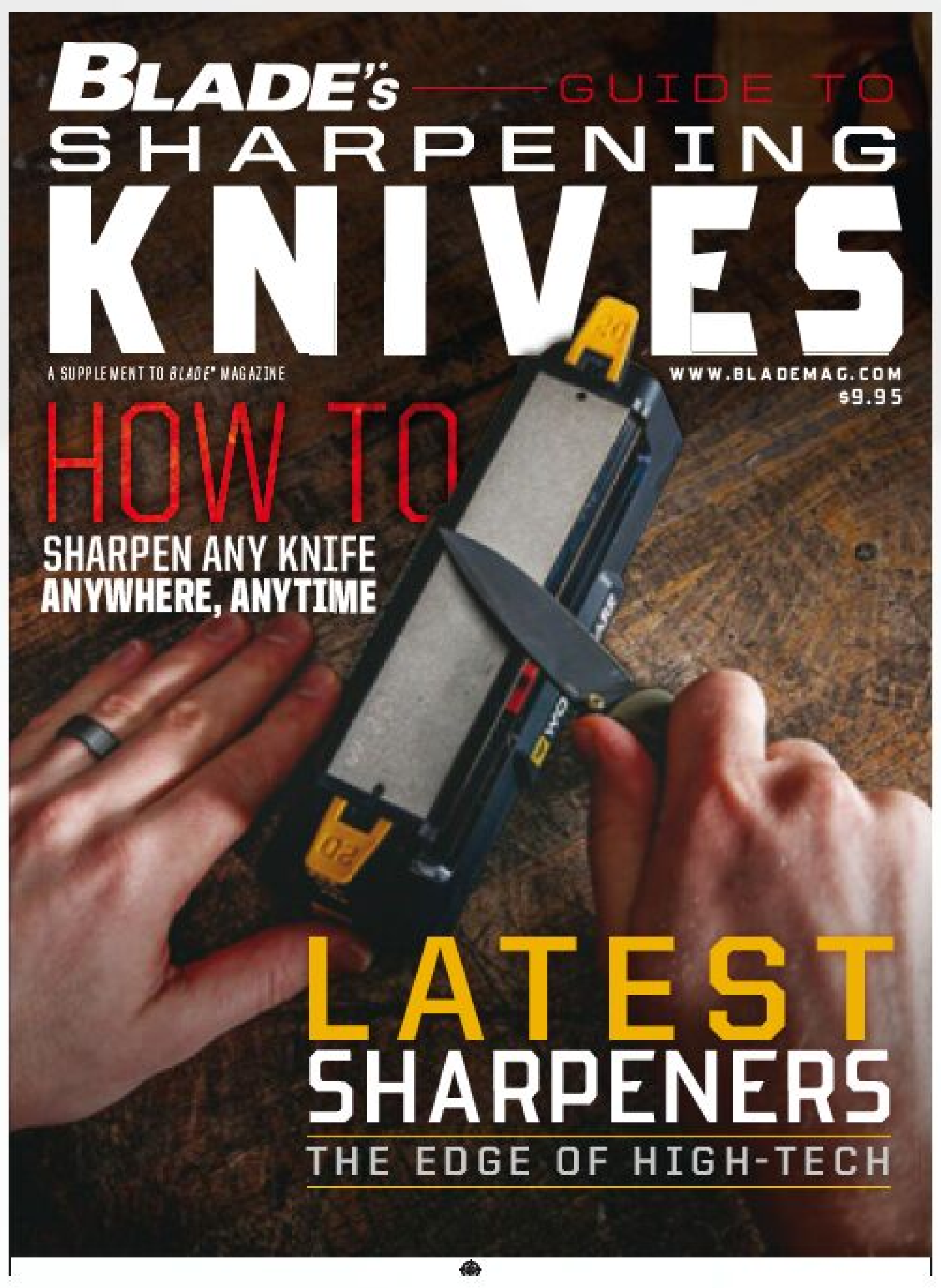
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The knives and accessories could be those designed for survival situations and include though not limited to folders; fixed blades; hatchets; axes; multi-tools; bushcraft knives and fire starters; rescue knives; machetes; survival kits; portable saws; sharpeners; and other items such as flashlights, communication devices, radios, water containers, portable stoves, etc. Each knife company could make one or more edged tools and/or accessories and donate a large percentage or all the proceeds from the sales to the project. In addition, to raise even more money, knife companies could join forces, with each making a specialized item and all the items being assembled into a disaster kit/set and sold, with most if not all the proceeds earmarked for the project. Meanwhile, the same knives and/or sets could be donated for free to those stricken in such areas as Western North Carolina, East Tennessee and elsewhere during Hurricane Helene, in Florida to Hurricane Milton victims, etc.

● The Responder w/ Firestarter from the Lansky P.R.E.P. Kit does its thing. (Josh Wayner image)

Of course, the issue of which relief agency/agencies to donate the proceeds to would have to be sorted out, as some agencies use much of the donations to pay the salaries of their directors, etc. Those agencies would have to be weeded out, with only those that donate most if not all the proceeds to food, water, medical supplies, etc., to disaster victims qualifying for the funds. Such a project would be massive and require a lot of legal, logistical and other expertise, but the cause would be more than worth it.

2) It's way past time for not only the federal but all state switchblade bans to be repealed—and there's no time like 2025 to do it. Knife Rights, AKTI and others have been heavily involved in these efforts, with Knife Rights working as these words are written on repealing the federal ban. Meanwhile, the number of state bans that have been repealed is inspiring, though more work needs to be done to get all the state bans on automatics repealed. For more information visit kniferights.org and akti.org.

3) With knives continuing to get positive press from *Forged in Fire*, statewide switchblade ban repeals and other efforts, now would seem a great time to do a movie on James Black and/or even Black and BLADE Magazine Cutlery Hall-of-Fame® member Jim Bowie. There have been several flicks done on Bowie, though other than the Alamo films with him as a supporting character, nothing of note with him in the starring role has been done since 1952's *The Iron Mistress*.

On the other hand, other than showing his character making the knife in The Iron Mistress, Black has received pretty much zilch exposure from the film industry. True, since none exist with Black's mark there are those who question whether he ever really made knives, but then there is a big contingent in the knife industry, including Cutlery Hall-of-Famer Jim Batson, ABS master smith Lin Rhea and others, who believe Black did, and have their evidence to support their claim. Such folks would provide an almost bottomless pit of information for an enterprising filmmaker to do a movie—and with all the fertile ground being plowed by Forged in Fire and others, a ready-made audience would seem primed for it.

Those are my three, though it is hoped some have already beaten me to the punch getting started on Nos. 1 and 3. What are yours? Let me know at steve@blademag.com.

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